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Signs of Progress: Family Reunion Festival attendees will see them everywhere

Citizen Potawatomi Nation members who invest the final weekend of June pursuing cultural enhancement, relaxation, and some fun at the 2011 renewal of the Family Reunion Festival will also experience a tremendous amount of progress. A half-dozen or more construction projects are nearing completion, well underway, or near beginning.

And, members of eight CPN families will be honored during the Festival, scheduled for Thursday, June 24th through Sunday, June 26th. Those families are: Bourassa, Burnett, Melot, Navarre, Peltier, Wamego, Willmet, and Vieux. There will be dedicated tents in which members of these families can gather, set-aside times for them to record Tribal Heritage Project videos, and honor dances at the Saturday pow wow dance.

Two of the construction projects members will see should be in use by Festival time – the new FireLake Bowling Center and the new CPN Clinic West, located immediately west of FireLake Grand Casino on Interstate 40. FireLake Bowl will mark the Nation's return to the bowling business



The new Rangeline Street bridge is lifted into place on March 7th. It is but one of many signs of progress 2011 Family Reunion Festival attendees will see.

for the first time since October 2002. At that time, the bowling center was removed from the FireLake Casino building to make room for additional gaming machines.

The new FireLake Bowling Center will feature 24 lanes of new, state-of-the-art

Brunswick bowling technology. Additionally, there will be two food offerings – the new San Remo's Express Pizzeria and a Subway sandwich shop. Lazzi Mustani is opening San Remo's Express after a January 30 fire destroyed his San Remo's Italian restaurant, along with the FireLake Golf Course clubhouse.

Architecturally, the beautiful clinic west matches its larger neighbor, FireLake Grand Casino. It will serve Citizen Potawatomi Nation members and other American Indians who live in northern Potawatomi County and the surrounding area, along with the hundreds of CPN employees who work at FireLake Grand and its attendant facilities.

Festival attendees will be hard-pressed to miss seeing the Nation's new, 60,000 square foot arena as it nears completion. The arena is located immediately west of
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Walking On

John 'Jack' Thorpe



SHAWNEE, Okla. - John 'Jack' Thorpe was born on June 29, 1937, in Hawthorne, California and was the son of James 'Jim' Thorpe, the legendary Citizen Potawatomi/Sac and Fox athlete, and Freda Thorpe. He passed from this life to be with his creator on February 22, 2011, at the age of 73.

Jack is survived by his wife, Matilda Thorpe; his three children, Gary, Mary, and

Jamie Thorpe; five grandchildren, Cyrus and Taj Thorpe and Hyram, Jordan, and Jade Kaskaske; and two brothers, Richard and William 'Bill' Thorpe.

Jack's hobbies included golf, beading, straight-dancing, gourd dancing, playing cards and dominoes, going for long rides, and looking at the stars.

Jack's school days were in Indian boarding schools. He attended grade school at Pawnee Indian School in Pawnee and high school at Chemawa in Lawrence, Kansas before entering the U.S. Army. After returning to Oklahoma in 1970, he attended the University of Oklahoma for one year.

Jack started his career in Indian affairs in 1971 as a councilman for the Sac and Fox Nation in Stroud, Oklahoma. In 1980, Jack became the principal chief for the Sac and Fox, serving seven years. Over the years, Jack served his tribal Housing Authority as a commissioner, counselor/trainer, and executive director. He also served as director for the Kickapoo Housing Authority in McLoud, Oklahoma and executive director for the Kickapoo Tribal Housing in Horton, Kansas. At the time of his passing, Thorpe was serving at the Sac and Fox Housing Authority in Shawnee and had for the previous four years.

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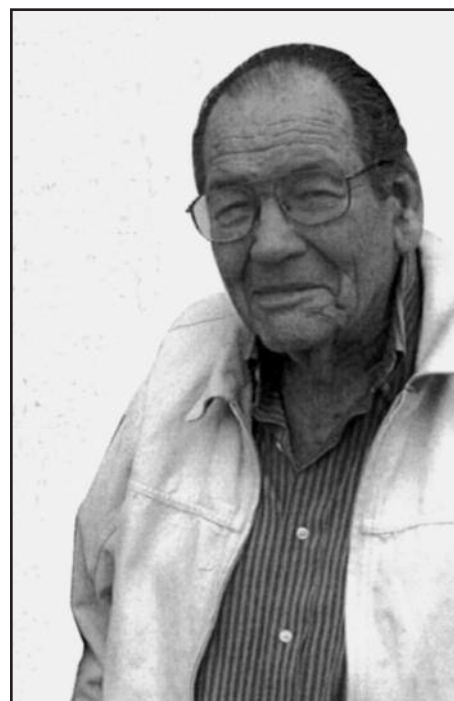
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At the time of his passing Jack Thorpe was involved in an effort to have his father's body returned to Sac and Fox land for re-burial. There Thorpe's remains would be buried near his father, sisters, and brother, and would be one mile away from the place he was born.

Jim Thorpe is buried in Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania – the former Mauch Chunk and East Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania. His burial there happened as the result of an agreement worked out by his widow and third wife, Patricia Askew.

Jack Thorpe's funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, February 25, at Temple Baptist Church at the corner of Highland and Draper in Shawnee. Burial followed at Garden Grove Cemetery.

James Wade Whitlow



James Wade Whitlow James Wade Whitlow, 94, entered into eternal life with Jesus on February 12, 2011. He was born on November 13, 1916, the son of Edgar and Josephine (Jess) Wade in Kansas City, Missouri. He grew up in Tecumseh, Kansas, the oldest of three boys. He graduated from Seaman High School.

Mr. Whitlow was a Citizen Potawatomi Native American and proud of that heritage and a Mason, member of Scottish Rite and

Al Malukah Shriners of Los Angeles.

On a blind date, he met Marie Clennin, and they later married on Christmas Day in 1939 at her parents' home in the middle of a Tulsa, Texas snowstorm. They were married 59 years before her death. They moved to Southern California in 1941, where he worked at Douglas Aircraft as a test pilot mechanic during World War I.

After the War, they returned to Texas, and eventually moved to Rye, Colorado in 1947, purchasing and operating a cattle ranch with his father-in-law. They moved back to Bellflower, California. In 1952 he began a long career with Atlantic Richfield Oil.

They were active members of Bellflower Presbyterian Church, the Masonic Lodge, and later the ARCO Retirees Club.

Mr. Whitlow was preceded in death to life eternal by his beloved wife, his brother Merton, and sister-in-law Francis of Beloit, Kansas. He is survived by his brother Herbert Whitlow and his wife Barbara of Tecumseh, Kansas; his daughter Karen Gallagher and her husband Rick of Ontario, California; a son Mike and his wife Allyson of Goodyear, Arizona; granddaughters Teresa Hernandez and her husband Ed, Patricia Miki Arvidson and her husband Brian; grandsons Cody, Carter, and Clay Whitlow; 10 great-grandchildren; and 11 nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held at Grace Community Church in Buckeye, Arizona on March 12, 2011. Internment was at a later date in Rye, Colorado.

Russell LeRoy Lewis

Russell LeRoy Lewis, aged 85, died peacefully at his home in Fortuna, California on January 14, 2011. Russell was a career educator and was Superintendent and Principal of Blue Lake Unified School District until his retirement. Born in Albany, Oregon in 1925, Russell was the son of Omer and Lucile Lewis. He was a proud member of the Lewis family of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. His great-grandparents were Matilda Bergeron and Wesley Lewis. Matilda's parents were Josephine 'Watch-eeke' Bergeron, a Potawatomi, and her French-Canadian husband, Francis Berg-



eron.

Russell's parents eventually settled down in Kingman, Arizona. There, Russ developed a youthful interest in hot-rodding and a lifelong passion for music. During the early 1940s he led small dance bands in the Kingman area and traveled to Los Angeles to listen to the big bands of the day.

A veteran, Russ joined the U.S. Army in World War II, serving in the 69th Infantry. He fought through France, Belgium, and Germany until the war's end in 1945. During his combat service, he received both the Purple Heart and Bronze Star and was in the advanced unit of some 60 soldiers who met the Soviet Army at the Elba River in Germany.

Russell remained in Germany with the Army of Occupation. There, he met a beautiful fraulein named Margot Beutel. They married in Kingman in 1948 and shared a loving life together until her death in 2006. They raised four children and were 'Oma' and 'Opa' to their six grandchildren.

Russell earned his B.A. degree at the University of Arizona and was a music teacher in Arizona and California during the 50s and 60s. He taught hundreds of children the joys of music before leaving the classroom and becoming a school administrator in California in 1966.

Russell had a talent for writing children's short stories, many of which were successfully published. He continued to receive royalty checks over the years for "Too-Tall Twyla," and this story is currently used in several student-reading textbooks. One of his hobbies was growing and selling organic heritage apples at the local farmer's markets, and he was for a time manager of the markets after he retired. He also served

as a member of the Humboldt County Grand Jury.

Russell's last years were made difficult by health problems. In spite of these difficulties, he faced the future bravely and remained active in the community. He was keenly aware of politics and world events to the very end of his life.

Russell was preceded in death by his wife, Margot. He is survived by his children Roger Lewis, Carol Ann Wingo, Susan Crohare, and Lisa Riddle; his grandchildren Gwyn, Harlan, Sarah, Emily, Erica, and Ben; and his sisters Donna Moody and Barbara Hamman.

Leslie H. 'Bud' McCall



Leslie H. 'Bud' McCall, 79, passed away on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at Midland Hospice House in Topeka, Kansas. He was born on April 3, 1931 in Topeka.

Mr. McCall was in the Navy and served in the Korean War. He retired from the military in 1988. He worked for Santa Fe Railroad for years, retiring in 1992.

He married Marjorie Jean Dewitt on December 29, 1956. She survives. He had two sons, Larry McCall and Danny McCall, whose wife is Martha, and a daughter, Melody Nelson, whose husband is Geoff. He had six grandchildren, Kelsea, Kyle, Cameron, Ian, Emma, and Rachael. Other survivors include a brother, Charles McCall, whose wife is Pat.

A celebration of Bud McCall's life was held on December 19, 2010 at The Courtyard Marriott, 2033 S.W. Wanamaker in

Topeka, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Midland Hospice House Topeka.

Lloyd Bernard Denton



Lloyd Bernard Denton was born on February 9, 1922, in Rossville, Kansas. He went home to the Lord on January 23, 2011, in Sun City West, Arizona.

His parents, Jesse and Matilda, plus five brothers, preceded him in death.

Lloyd is survived by his beloved wife, Virginia 'Ginny' Denton, whom he married in Cheyenne, Wyoming in 1966; three sons from a previous marriage: Robert J. of Willcox, Arizona, Floyd J. of Estes Park, Colorado, and Lloyd C. of Gillette, Wyoming; eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; and many step-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Lloyd spent his childhood days in Rossville and Maple Hill, Kansas, where as a teenager, he spent summers camping, fishing, and trapping with an Indian pal. He played on the Maple High School football and basketball teams, lettering in each. He graduated from Maple High School in 1941. The class motto was: "Life is what we make it."

Lloyd was proud of his Citizen Potawatomi Indian heritage, from his grandmother, Zoe Denton. He was inducted into the U.S. Army in October 1942, serving until his discharge in October 1945. He saw duty in Southern France, as a meteorological observer, and saw action in Africa, Italy, and Germany. He was a SPEC 5/Sergeant, and a Rifle Sharpshooter.

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Following his time in the U.S. Army, he was a weather observer in Casper, Wyoming for the U.S. Commerce Weather Dept. Later, he was employed by the oilwell division of United States Steel Corporation, working his way up from the warehouse to Manager of Oilwell Supply in Casper, Wyoming and Vernal, Utah. He retired from U.S. Steel Corporation after 35 years in 1984 and moved to Sun City West, Arizona in 1985.

Lloyd loved fishing, golfing, biking, sports, gardening, and family. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Casper, Wyoming, where he accepted the Lord and became a Deacon and was an advisor and teacher of youth groups. Upon retirement, he became a member of First Baptist Church in Sun City West in 1985. Lloyd loved the Lord, he loved his church family, and he loved his family. Now he has "graduated" to Heaven, where he'll be waiting to greet all of us one day.

Marvin Richard Helcel



Marvin Richard Helcel died at the age of 82 on July 24, 2004 in Marion, Arkansas. He was born on June 26, 1922 in Lexington, Oklahoma. He was the son of William and Lillian Helcel. His grandparents were Steve and Louella (Stackhouse) Helcel and John and Sarah Bottoms. His grandfather, Steve Helcel, established a settlement named Helcel, Oklahoma, which is listed on the 1904 Oklahoma map.

Two of Marvin Helcel's brothers preceded him in death - Wesley Mahan of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Steve Helcel of Carvella, Oregon. He has one brother, Leroy Helcel of West Memphis, Arkansas,

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Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center

Peace Medals on Loan at the CPNCHC



Although the Cultural Heritage Center exhibit hall is in the process of being totally revamped for a new and improved re-launch this summer, there are still some cases available for viewing on the museum floor. One case in particular, holds 14 peace treaty medals on loan from the Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art in Shawnee. The CHC acquired the loan in August of 2010 for the Gathering of Potawatomi Nations. The significance of the peace medals to the Potawatomi prompted us to ask for an extension on the loan, which will expire in December 2011.

The peace medals are a part of a group of 39 medals given to the Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art in 1997 by John J. and Fern E. McMahon. The CHC acquired the medals through a loan after members of the staff participated in a behind-the-scenes tour of the Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art. During the tour, Collections Manager Stacy Coon noticed a somewhat dull medal sitting in a frame on one of the shelves. The medal she was looking at happened to be the Treaty of Greenville medal! This prompted her to ask if the Mabee-Gerrer had other medals and if they would consider lending them to the CHC.

There is speculation as to whether or not some of these medals are the actual medals. Delaynna Trim, Curator of Collections at the Mabee-Gerrer, states that a few of the medals are what are known as re-strikes. A re-strike or copy is a medal that has been struck from the original dies at a later date. Due to the lack of provenance received when the medals were first donated to the Mabee-Gerrer, officials there are not able to tell if any of the medals could be original. However, the museum does have scholars come in from time to time to research the medals, so they are hoping to get more information about the medals as time goes on.

Peace medals have what Art Historian David Freeman describes as “Seven Cat-



On loan from the Mabee-Gerrer Museum, Peace Medals important to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation are on exhibit at the Cultural Heritage Center through the end of 2011.

egories of Purpose.” Symbolic - the promise of peace, ongoing friendship, respect or gratitude; Pro-Active - in order to prevent conflict; Peacemaking - trying to stop conflict that existed; Political - to create a chief, to intimidate one, or to gain a political alliance; Economic - to gain passage, trapping, mining, or trading rights in an area; Commemorative - created in memory of a treaty, notable date, person, thing, or event; and, lastly, Fulfillment - due to a request by tribes for replacement or additional medals.

As for the history of peace medals and how tribes acquired them, bestowing medallions to tribal diplomats began with representatives of Spain, France, and Great Britain who utilized the practice as the battle for North American dominance ensued. Medals were awarded to those individuals who pledged their allegiance to and established alliances against each opposing European power. This trend continued and evolved a generation later as the United States won its independence and attempted to gain control of the country.

The George Washington peace medal was first designed and engraved in 1792 by

the United States Mint [Pennsylvania, PA]. The front and reverse of the medal were hand-engraved separately on two plates of silver by Robert Scot, Chief Engraver. The medal was crafted in three different sizes, each used for distinct purposes, and distributed to various tribal groups. Potawatomi headmen among the Eel, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Wabash River villages received this medal in return for signing and honoring the Treaty of Greenville [1795].

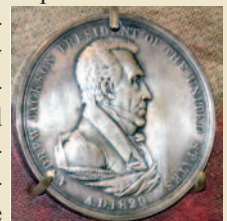
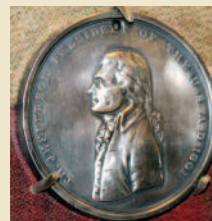
The Thomas Jefferson peace medal was first designed and engraved in 1801 by John Reich, Assistant Engraver, of the United States Mint [Pennsylvania, PA]. Construction of the medal was the same as Washington’s, yet the design was the first to display the sole image of an American president. The reverse bore the inscription, “PEACE AND

FRIENDSHIP,” symbolized by the image of clasped hands and a crossed tomahawk and peace pipe. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark carried and distributed a large supply of Jefferson peace medals on their expedition to the Pacific [1804-1806].

The James Madison peace medal was designed and engraved in 1809 by John Reich, Assistant Engraver, of the United States Mint [Pennsylvania, PA]. Both composition and design of the medal differed from Jefferson’s previously issued. Madison’s medal was crafted of solid silver rather than separate silver sheets. On the reverse of Jefferson’s medal, the American Indian arm was cuffed with a Federal eagle, yet on Madison’s the arm appears plain. Potawatomi headmen Five Medals, Metea, and Wamego received this medal in return for signing and honoring the Treaty of Spring Wells [1815].

The John Quincy Adams peace medal was designed and engraved in 1825 by Moritz Fuerst, Engraver, of the United States Mint [Pennsylvania, PA]. The three-inch diameter medal was the largest of three sizes minted and specifically given to tribal village leaders. Menoquet, Ashkum, and Naswawkay, Potawatomi headmen among the Indiana villages, received this medal in return for signing and honoring the Treaty of Mississinewa [1827].

The Andrew Jackson peace medal was designed and engraved in 1829 by Moritz Fuerst, Engraver, of the United States Mint [Pennsylvania, PA]. Jackson’s medal was one



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CPN member Jason Waterman beloved Down Under Shocked community pays homage to “wonderful man”



CPN member Jason Waterman offers encouragement and instruction to his young rugby prodigies in Raglan, New Zealand.

According to the *Raglan Chronicle*, Raglan, New Zealand lost a “wonderful man so involved in the community” with the death on Monday, January 10, 2011 of Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Jason Waterman. His body was found in steep terrain at Te Toto Gorge on Wednesday, January 12, 2011.

The tribute comes from professional children’s story teller Athene Jensen, who knew the 42-year-old both as a “natural performer” with Raglan Amateur Theatre Society (RATS) and through their paths crossing as Waikato University students.

Jensen, better known as A.J., said Waterman was a “breath of fresh air” who was really good at working with kids, a view shared by Raglan Junior Rugby president Kevin Holmes. Holmes described Waterman as not only a lovely guy but also “a great coach well-respected by the boys and parents.”

Waterman had two children, one of them a player at the rugby club. Jensen, the co-organizer of RATS, said Waterman had a lead role in 2008 in “Elemental Behavior,” and also a role in a variety show the following year. He also toured schools in Hamilton and Raglan, New Zealand with “The Devil May Care for Dolphins,” a RATS production in which, Jensen says, he made a fantastic King of Rock and Roll. “He did a brilliant take on Elvis Presley,” she said.

She says Waterman was a huge talent and always so enthusiastic. “You’d give him his lines and he’d kind of learn them, but he was just a natural on the stage, And,

it worked; he’d have you in hysterics.”

Waterman was also a talented sportsman, and is understood to have played for rugby teams in the United States as a loose forward. He toured Scotland with a team from the Eugene, Oregon Rugby Football Club. He lettered in rugby four years at Oregon University and was an assistant coach for the Oregon U rugby team when he passed. He was working toward a Pd.D. in Native American and Maori studies at Waikato University in Raglan.

A broad cross-section of the Raglan community, including friends and family members, attended the commemorative service at the Raglan Rugby Grounds on Tuesday, January 18, 2011. A haka was performed at the end of the service. *(Editor’s note: Haka is a traditional dance form of the Māori of New Zealand. It is a posture dance performed by a group, with vigorous movements and stamping of the feet with rhythmically shouted accompaniment.)*

Friend Lisa Thomson has described the entire Waterman family as being “overwhelmed by the support offered by the local community.”

Waterman was last seen in Raglan about 4 p.m. on Monday, January 10. Several locals reported having chatted with him on that day. His body was discovered two days later, following an extensive search by the Auckland-based Eagle helicopter, search-and-rescue teams, and friends and family members. It was found about 300 metres from where his station wagon was found.



CPN Veterans Organization



The CPN Veterans’ Organization presented a plaque of appreciation to the ROTC Cadets of Carl Albert High School, Midwest City, Oklahoma. The cadets graciously escorted the CPN’s Korean War veterans and guests to the stage at the Korean War Veterans’ Honor Banquet held at the FireLake Grand Casino Event Center in November, 2010.

The Korean War veteran is often spoken of as the forgotten soldier, but, as the famous quotation states, “Poor is the nation which has no heroes, but disgraceful are those who having them forgets.” We choose not to forget. We are grateful to all our veterans who have served this nation with pride and strength.

On Veterans Day 2007, the CPN Veter-

ans Organization commemorated the accomplishments and sacrifices of our WWII Veterans with an Honor Banquet. It is such an honor to be involved in such remarkable events. We plan to honor our Vietnam Veterans soon, possibly on Veterans Day 2012.

The Carl Albert High School ROTC Cadets included: Instructor Paul Kenney, Lt Col, USAF (Ret) and ROTC Cadets Cody Duke, Lauren Adams, Daymen Avery, Chaz Richards, Aron House, Austin Adair, Asia Moore, and Dorthy Bortz.

CPN Veterans Organization members in the photo above are, from left, David Barrett, Commander Keith Cagle, and Joe David Melott.

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A Night at the (Rodeo) Opry

CPN member Cameron Newby, far right, returned home from his music/music business studies at Nashville's Belmont University to perform at Oklahoma City's Rodeo Opry. Cameron, now 19, has been performing there since he was nine.

Middle right, he and friend Cutter Elliott channel Waylon and Willie for a rousing version of "Good-Hearted Woman."

Seven-year-old Maddox Stover, whose parents are friends of CPN Rep. Bobbie Bowden, is a crowd-pleaser. And, the entire Rodeo Opry cast took to the stage for a finale.

CPN members who love country music and fine family entertainment are welcome at regular Saturday evening performances at the Rodeo Opry. Cameron will perform on Thursday, April 21 at Toby Keith's place near Bricktown in OkC. He will be back at the Opry on April 24.



Library Musings



Jerry W. Lewis

Family Legend is important. Sometimes it is true, sometimes it is exaggerated. The Cultural Heritage Center Library contains more than 3,000 books, with most them about Indians. There are 39 boxes containing more than 500 files of information including Potawatomi history, myths, cultural information, genealogies, legislative meeting minutes, ethnobotany (plant uses), language dictionaries, manuals, and work books.

If you are happy with your prejudices and do not want to be confused with facts, stay away from our Tribal Library! However, if you are interested in documenting your place in Potawatomi History, you will probably pass on an accurate portrayal of yourself and your family's place in history if you use our combined collections of more than 5,000 resources.

The following list of the *Nswemakek* Collections is being provided to you with our compliments (and will continue in future editions of the *HowNiKan*)!

Box #1: Notes for books/J.W. Lewis; comparing Iroquois great Law of Peace/U.S. Constitution; Map showing removed Potawatomi areas before 1895; Manitoulin Island Maps; Marie Madeline Reaume/Archange Chevalier; various papers Indians/ Political Science; NAES College notes; Notes from Hamilton/Brauer to Ervin Stuntz on/in Potawatomi/English 1-3; Correspondence of Braver & Hamilton/Pokagon 2 of 3; and Correspondence of Braver & Hamilton/Pokagon 3 of 3.

Box #2: Correspondence from Keewaydinokwe et. al. to Nswemakek/J W. Lewis; U.S. National Archives information; Notes from Father Petit; Indiana Indian Names; Correspondence from and about Potawatomi; Treaties and the U.S.; Catholic Indian Missions and U. S. Grant; Geneal-

ogy on Gosselin; Diary of Peter Pitchlyn; Lewis family history articles; R. David Edmonds article; Compton's American Indians pictures for classroom; George Winter Journal on Biddle's Island in the Wabash; Article on Go yath lay (Geronimo); and Some land cessions.

Box #3: Part of newspaper article citing library BAE collections when Paul Schmidtkofer was Tribal Chairman; Citizen Band information in the 1970s; Citizen Band resolution on funds (mandatory set-asides); A creation myth (Potawatomi); Interesting notes (on Jesuits and Catholics); Indiana History Bulletin Vol. 58 #6 June 1981; Michiana Newspaper with George Winter pictures; George Winter notes from his journal; MEETING GROUND from the Newberry Library; American Primers (text-books used at the Choctaw Academy Council Bluffs/Platte River Purchase area by Elliot Choctaw Academy from Oklahoma Chronicles; The Kentucky Register; of The



CPN Cultural Heritage Center workers Czarina Thompson and Amber Stringer have been invaluable in preparing this catalogue of materials available in the library.

Kentucky Historical Society; Choctaw Academy: Richard M. Johnson and the business of Indian Education; Choctaw Academy (from box 8 under 100a file); and Dick Johnson's Indian School (from box 8 under 100b file).

Box #4: Note from Mary Lynn Hille-meyer; Achan. Navarre & Potawatomi Relatives in South Bend Genealogical publication; A Declaration of Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction Indian Education Policy; Notes; Notes on tribal history & Lake Kee wau nay treaty; Jim Thorpe/*Wa tho huck*; Old National Geographic Maps; Film negatives of General Council meeting in Gerald Peltier's time; Public school teachers of Indian children by J.W. Lewis - 1987; The History of Reading and The Uses of Literacy in Colonial Mexico by Robert T. Jimenez - 1989; Civil Rights in Indian Country (Tribal Court Decisions 1988-1992); Negatives of a General Council meeting when Wanita Clifford was Tribal Chairperson; Photos; A Spanish response to genocide practiced by Spain; Indian History pre-test; Judicial scrutiny of Native American Free Exercise Rights (Yoder Doctrine); A Theft of Spirit by Christopher Shaw; and A slavery and silver content chronology.

Box #5: What is a Pow Wow?; National Review & University of Arizona Press Catalogue; 1985 Perillo Calendar with nice art work; Indian Music of Mexico by Laura Bolton; Opinions of the Solicitor; Letters to T. Bleyle and J. Lewis; Iroquois Regalia; Indian Urbanization by Jack Waddel; Indian tattoos; Pages from Felix Cohen's Handbook on Federal Indian Law; Indian land cessions; Turnbull letter to Gage of 1766 and information about acknowledgement; Lest We Forget (Black History); The Amer-

ican Soldier (paintings) – Dep't. of the Army; Illinois veterans killed in Viet Nam; and The Reserve Marine.

Box #6: Rudolph Friedreich Kurz's journal in Swiss German (St. Joseph to Upper Missouri River Region)

Box #7: People of the Place of the Fire by Priscilla Mullin Sherrard #1 of 2; People of the Place of the Fire by Priscilla Mullin Sherrard #2 of 2; Coyote Tracks Notes; Peter D. Sapenais & Simon Kaquados; Letters from Frances Slocum MaconaKwe; Family Research for Native Americans; Genealogy page Comeaux, Comzo, Cawzo, Ogema Cauzo - Mackinac Register 1725-1821 - Marriages/selection from Father Petit; Painters of the West; Pokagon Band 1 of 3; Pokagon Band 2 of 3; Pokagon Band 3 of 3; Potawatomi from Wikipedia; Dragon tutorial; Potawatomi County Cemeteries - Transcription of Joseph Wamego's journal of Potawatomi deaths in Kansas; A History of Indian Policy by S. Lyman Tyler; Potawatomi Journey to Oklahoma 1840s-1860s; Student Indian papers from GSU; and Poetry by George Schricker's wife Michelle.

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Family Reunion Festival, con't from page 1



Ten new duplex units, featuring solar panels to generate electricity, are nearing completion in the Father Joe Murphy elders housing complex.

FireLake Discount Foods, or immediately north of the Gerald Peltier Park that hosts most Festival activities. With its anticipated seating capacity of approximately 5,000, the arena will be home to music concerts, such livestock events as barrel races and bull-riding competitions, and trade shows.

A 20-housing unit (10 duplexes) addition to the Father Joe Murphy elder housing complex, will be near completion and occupancy. The two-bedroom, _____-square foot living units will feature roof-mounted solar panels and geothermal-based heating and cooling so CPN elders who live can see their electricity costs significantly reduced.

A couple of the improvements fall into the CPN infrastructure category. There are two new, 60-foot bridges spanning Squirrel Creek. Rangeline Street, as it borders the west edge of Peltier Park, has a narrow, scenic bridge over Squirrel. Because the aging

bridge is on the National Register of Historic Landmarks, the Nation cannot get permission to widen or replace it. Thus, Rangeline has been moved west, necessitating a new bridge. A second new bridge is located about a half-mile immediately west of new Rangeline Street bridge.

Aside from these remarkable CPN advances, Festival-goers will have the typical wide-ranging set of activities and experiences from which to choose to put together a most meaningful weekend. The four to five thousand who will gather will have opportunities to learn more about their language and culture, participate in crafts-learning experiences, compete in art contests and athletic competitions, attend their tribal government's annual General Council meeting, dress in regalia and pow wow dance, and much more.

This bridge spanning Squirrel Creek on Rangeline Street is one of two new bridges across the creek that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has installed. The bridges comprise but one of several construction projects that mark the rapid progress the Nation continues to experience. Members who attend Family Reunion Festival will be able to visit the new FireLake Bowling Center, see the new arena as it nears completion, and tour the new CPN Clinic West at FireLake Grand Casino.



Brittany Shelley is Eastern Washington University journalism student

CPN member writes on need for Native women in the media

The media controls the world. Words heard on television, read in newspapers, and seen in documentaries control how everyone perceives life. Media helps form opinions. Just the simplest alteration or bias in how a message is sent can change the minds of anyone, anywhere.

I was given the opportunity through a class at Eastern Washington University to send out a message to that part of the public that has any relation to Native American women and any issues they encounter. Immediately when I was given the assignment, the media popped into my head.

I have always had a passion to write, and newspapers fascinate me. I have been working towards my major in Communications and minor in Indian Studies, and I had no idea how underrepresented the Native community is, especially Native women. It is almost like the issues Native women encounter are swept under the rug and ignored by mainstream media. In the last decade this has become more of a pressing issue.

I was given the opportunity to interview two Citizen Potawatomi Nation women and a Mvskoke (Creek) woman to get a better idea of how it feels to be a Native woman involved with the media. Talking to these women inspired me more than I ever could have imagined. I first interviewed Megan Thomas (Citizen Potawatomi), a recent graduate from Arizona State University. Before I contacted her, I looked over her resume and was swept away by how many honors she has received and how much passion she has put into writing. Through internships and even writing for the *HowNiKan*, Thomas has displayed a true passion for anything she starts. At her young age of twenty-two, she is already headed to making a big difference in the Native community. When I reached Thomas over the phone, I got a chance to hear her opinion on the issues of Native women not being represented by the media. "A growing issue this past decade is abuse on reservations; people do not understand to what extent it is happening," said Thomas. And it is true; there are so many problems women go through that no one ever hears about, and no one can ever help fix because mainstream media does not cover such problems. This is one of the reasons coverage could be so crucial to the



Brittany Shelley

lives of many Native women. Getting Native women in the press is important, and so is letting Native women be behind the scenes in production of the media. "Only tribal females know what it is really like to be a tribal female; they understand the lifestyle; they have personal experience," said Thomas.

When I interviewed my second Native woman, Peggy Berryhill (Mvskoke (Creek)), she could not have agreed more with everything Megan Thomas was telling me. Berryhill is a very experienced Native journalist. She has experience in public broadcasting and being a video documentarian, along with involvement in print media, and digital storytelling. When I got the chance to speak with Berryhill over the phone, she said something that I had never thought about before: A lot of media groups do not want the Native community as a

whole involved with the media. Berryhill had a personal experience that touched me. When she was working in the media back in the seventies, one of the men she was working with told her there would never come a day when African-Americans could cover African-American stories, Native Americans could cover Native American stories, and women could cover women's stories. Berryhill shot back with, "Then why do you have white men covering their own issues?" And this was something that stood out to me the most in all my interviews. Of course people encountering issues firsthand should be the ones covering and telling the world about their problems. They are the ones who have the firsthand experience. Berryhill pushed the fact that people's own perspective is an important factor to media. There will always be bias, but that is what explains and adds true emo-

tion to issues and gets the point across.

My last interview was with Ashley Barshaw (Citizen Potawatomi) from the University of North Texas. I connected with her the most because she is my age, and she is experiencing some of the same struggles I am in pursuing my education. Barshaw is studying Journalism specifically, and has a passion for writing. "I like to write, not creative writing, factual writing. I love doing research," said Barshaw. She is on her way to making a difference in print media. And, has even gotten the opportunity to work alongside the *HowNiKan* staff. Barshaw explained to me why Native women are important in the press: "The perspective of a Native woman is important to include. They have so many different experiences that no one else can explain. They are important to the world and their individual communities." Native women have such a different perspective than many other women; they have different aspects to share with the world. And Native women are the ones experiencing all these struggles personally; they are the ones who need to be telling about what they have seen.

All of these women gave me different views of why Native women are needed in the press. From not being covered, to not being heard, Native women have so much to tell and so many experiences that many other women could benefit from.

I hope to further my education, and follow in these Citizen Potawatomi and Mvskoke women's footsteps. They are making a path for women like me to get involved and start making a difference and creating awareness.

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CPN Cultural Heritage Center, con't from page 4

of the most widely and frequently distributed peace medals of any minted. During the Jacksonian Era's infamous removal period, medals were given to tribes in return for signing land cessation and removal treaties. Wabaunsee, Potawatomi headman among the Three Fires villages in Illinois, received this medal in return for signing and honoring the Treaty of Prairie du Chien [1829].

The James Monroe peace medal was designed and engraved in 1817 by Moritz Fuerst, Engraver, of the United States Mint [Pennsylvania, PA]. The three-inch diameter medal was the largest of three sizes minted and specifically given to tribal village leaders. Potawatomi headmen Cheebaas, Topinbee, and Shipshewano received this medal in return for signing and honoring the Treaty of St. Mary's [1818].

The Martin Van Buren peace medal was

designed and engraved in 1837 by Moritz



Fuerst, Engraver, of the United States Mint [Pennsylvania, PA]. Van Buren's medal was distrib-

uted at numerous land cessation and removal negotiations, including those held at the Potawatomi village of Keewawnay. Numerous Potawatomi headmen were awarded this medal for emigrating west to reserves in Missouri, Iowa, and Kansas.

As you can see, there is a lot of history involving peace medals and the Potawatomi. So if you have some time to spare or happen to be in the CHC for whatever reason, stop by the peace medals case and you can make your own judgment as to whether or not these medals are the real thing. If not that, well then can use your imagination and ponder which Potawatomi Chief could have possibly worn these proud symbols of Potawatomi history.



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District #1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho Nikan,

I have just returned from the CPN facility in Rossville, Kansas, where I met Joan Winters, the Registered Nurse who works out of that facility and serves a 50-mile radius of Rossville. She spoke of a Senior Support Network, which she has transposed from CPN headquarters to Kansas.

The Senior Support Network functions as a resource locator to put elders in touch with resources that they need. Joan provides in-home blood pressure/vital signs checks, medication set-ups, and blood work, (if it is prescribed by a physician), along with light housekeeping. She will also help you find any information you might need or assistance with healthcare, such as whom to call for answers to Medicare or Medicaid questions, support group information, etc.

The area she serves is outside the boundaries of District #1 but folks who live in parts of the Kansas City metro area, such as Overland Park and Prairie Village, and who need information or help may avail themselves of her expertise with a phone call to 785-584-6401

This is also a good time to mention that the CPN provides help for seniors in several ways. The mail-order pharmacy in Shawnee provides members 63-and-older with prescription service that is, in most cases, free of charge. The Health Aids Foundation provides financial assistance for hearing aids, wheel chairs, C-PAP machines, glasses, dental bridges, dentures, etc. as long as it is deemed medically necessary by a physician.

I want to take this time to remind everyone of the Family Reunion Festival, scheduled for Friday, June 24 through Sunday, June 26. Families to be honored this year



are Bourassa, Burnett, Melot, Navarre, Peltier, Wamego, Wilmette, and Vieux. If you are a member of one of these families, show your pride and be there.

I also want to mention the "Gathering of Potawatomi Nations," which is scheduled for August 10 through 13 at Hannahville Indian Community, Hannahville, Wisconsin. It's a very nice place to visit. For more information visit the Hannahville Indian Community website.

I will end this article as always with a reminder that District #1 honors its elders, especially on their birthdays. If someone in your family is preparing to celebrate his or her 90th birthday or more, please let me know so we can honor them on their special day.

And again, if you do not receive e-mail or regular mailings from me, it is because I do not have your contact information. Please send contact information to rslavin@potawatomi.org or Roy Slavin, 6730 Tower Drive, Kansas City, MO 64151 Migwetch,
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tion on this one! The most touching, inspiring, fun, or interesting "Potawatomi" location and photo (as judged solely by me) will win a Pendleton blanket and recognition in the *HowNiKan*. You don't have to live in District #2 to win, but the photo must be of a "Potawatomi" location in one of the 13 states or the District of Columbia that make up District #2. Contest deadline is April 15th, and I will publish entries in the May column. If you are not sure about which 13 states make up District #2, log onto my website, www.evamariecarney.com, and click on "Our District" – the states outlined in black are District #2 states! You can send the photo by e-mail attachment or in the regular U.S. mail.

Hint: A Potawatomi (you or your family members?) standing somewhere/anywhere in District #2 qualifies as a "Potawatomi location" in my mind, and I'm the judge! Please send your photo entry to me today, by snail mail or e-mail!

We had a long and productive February Legislative meeting, which is archived on the potawatomi.org website (click on Government, then on Legislature, and half way down the Legislature page find and click on "Archived versions of CPN Legislative meetings are available for viewing by clicking here."). You can fast-forward through the meeting to get a flavor of the topics and discussion, or the CPN/political junkies among us can watch the meeting in its entirety. I am pleased to report that we passed a resolution directing that all stop signs on Tribal land in Shawnee include the word "stop" in Potawatomi (ge'go), as well as in English. Rep. Dave Carney from the Northwest's District #8 and I co-wrote the bill. The resolution reads:

Placing stop signs printed in both Potawatomi and English in the heart of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's on-reservation lands will help promote the Potawatomi language, foster pride in our citizens, and contribute to mno widoktadwen mneto, a good community spirit.

The new stop signs will be erected soon, we hope. So look for them when you are in Shawnee! I will also take photos of a few for a future column to share with those who can't make it West to Shawnee. Please share your feedback on this new law and your



ideas for other legislation as you have them!

During the February meeting we also admitted 190 new citizens to the Nation, 13 of whom live in District #2. Congratulations to the following new District #2 citizens and their families: Bradley Alan and Brooke Danielle Cockrell; Hailee Elizabeth and James Thomas Collins; Jordan Gregory Vore; Glenna Jean Elkins; Josephine Claire and Jacqueline Grace Gimigliano; Dominic Francois Pelletier; Jacob Uriel Felix and Joseph Charles Felix II; Tigerlily Anne Horton; and Preston Stanley Pocock. You will be receiving further information by mail from our Tribal Rolls Director, Chuck Clark, and a letter from me with good wishes and my contact details – please call with any questions as you have them.

I hope you received your postcard invitation to the upcoming District #2 meeting in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Please RSVP soon to jmoucka@potawatomi.org so we have a good headcount for lunch and have the right size room for the meeting. I hope to see many of you there and chose the meeting location for its proximity to many of you in the southwest part of our District. A reminder that the date and time are Saturday, April 30th, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The location: The Hurlburt Field Soundside Club, Hurlburt Field, Florida, 107 Kissam Street, Bldg 90918. Please note that this is a military officers' club; you will need to be on the RSVP list and show a picture ID to drive into the facility. More details are on my website, and on the potawatomi.org

District #2 - Eva Marie Carney

Bozho/Hello, Fellow Citizen Potawatomis,

Folks, what is going on here? A Pendleton blanket is the prize and I've gotten NO entries for the District #2's photo contest. I venture to say you have a good chance of winning if you submit something ahead of

the April 15th deadline. A reminder of the rules:

This year's contest is to find a "Potawatomi" location somewhere in District #2 and send me a photo of it. You are invited to use your creativity and imagina-

website under both "Events" and on "my" Legislative page. I am hopeful that Vice Chairman Capps will be able to join us for the meeting. This is also the weekend of the Musical Echoes Flute Festival in Fort Walton Beach, which is free and open to the public, so it promises to be a wonderful time for all.

CPN member and Floridian Nelda Pet- tifer Seever and her family have done all the work finding the meeting location, ar- ranging for the luncheon, and securing a block of hotel rooms for folks coming in from out of town. I am really grateful to them and hopeful that I will hear directly from others who are willing to help organ-

ize future meetings for District #2.

One last note: please send me your con- tact details. Building community is an e- mail by e-mail endeavor; please make sure you are included!

Thank you for the honor of representing you.

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District #3 - Robert Whistler

Bozho, Nikan:

About this time last year, my column covered how to find some of the scholar- ships available for our students seeking higher learning. This month, I decided to rewrite a recent e-mail I sent out to the Dis- trict #3 CPN citizens who are in my e-mail address book.

My concern for many is that they are more competitive than they give themselves credit for being. As a result, when they are in a competitive environment, may miss the needed benchmark. So, let me use the ex- ample of my e-mail of a couple of weeks ago to give you some insight.

As a number of you may recall, I am on the Board of Directors of the American In- dian Chamber of Commerce of Texas, in addition to my role as an elected CPN rep- resentative. This chamber offers several scholarships each year, which are usually for \$1,000.00 each for books/tuition.

To apply, you must be an American In- dian whose permanent residence address is in Texas. The scholarship can be used at any accredited educational institution in any state in the U.S. You must have reached the age of 16 by December 1, 2011.

The applications will be reviewed and graded competitively, with several of the highest-scoring applications submitted to the full Board of Directors for final selec- tion.

The grading criteria include the follow- ing:

1. Grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale (transcripts are needed)

2. Essay of at least 250 words on how your education will benefit your tribe or In-



dian Country

3. Community service, which has two parts: Community/school activity and tribal involvement (culture/language/heritage)

4. Planned course of education (will it help Indian Country or the applicant's tribe?)

5. Letters of recommendation

6. Financial need

Applicants are also asked to include a short bio. The scholarship sponsors want you to tell them about yourself. This is where you cover your own accomplish- ments, and this is really the deal-breaker! Cover any financial need and community service or activity items.

For regular community service, you might cover something like. Were you a Girl or Boy Scout? Were you active in

sports or in an educational club in high school? Do you tutor younger children? Are you a webpage creator? Were you on stu- dent council?

For the tribal or cultural area, you want to explain how you have been involved in your own tribe: Have you made your own regalia? Do you dance in regalia? Do you take language classes in your tribal lan- guage? Have you helped elders or were you one of the summer PLP students that par- took of that CPN program?

Are you one of many children in a family and all of you are seeking an advanced ed- ucation and your family has a real financial need? If one of your parents lost a job and then had to work at a new job at less than they made before, there is no shame in say- ing the family has a real financial need.

Last year, I saw several applications from one or more of our student CPN mem- bers whom I knew a little about or learned more about later. They had some very great backgrounds, and they had specific items that, if known, would have made them go from an average to an outstanding candi- date. However, nothing out of the ordinary was included in their applications, and they were not as competitive as some other ap- plicants. Had more facts been submitted, they might have been one of the ultimate winners.

This particular set of scholarships will go out for application distribution around April 15 and the closing date will be May 6, 2011. For those of you who decide to apply when the announcement is made, think of this in the perspective, you are one of fifty appli- cants trying to get a very high-paying job. What sets you apart from everyone else? Put that information in your bio!

District #4 - Theresa Adame

Dear Friends,

Only in Kansas can it the weather give us a 70-degree Saturday then a Monday with four-and-one-half inches of snow on the ground. But, I think we are on our way into spring.

It has been a while since I have written so I have several events to tell you about. It has been busy since the first of the year. It was my privilege to be on hand at the swearing-in of our new Kansas governor. I was on hand as Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Chairman Steve Ortiz presented a blanket on behalf of the four native tribes

I am here to serve you and find ways to help each and every member of the tribe. When the scholarship announcement goes out, if you need help from me, please con- tact me. We want each CPN child or indi- vidual seeking more education to succeed and will give you a helping hand when we are given that opportunity. So, don't be bashful!

What I have cited above really applies to any job or scholarship application. Don't be shy! Put the spotlight on yourself. I know it isn't our way, but in this area we need to be sure we do what others do and that they expect and take care of ourselves. I apologize to any elders who feel I am tak- ing too strong of a position on this. But, we must also be sure our young survive and carry our Nation and culture forward.

One final note: I reach less than ten per- cent of my district constituents through email because I just don't have e-mail con- tacts. If you know of a family member or friend who is a CPN member who may be eligible for these scholarships, please for- ward this information on to them. If you know that I don't have an e-mail contact for you and/or someone in your family who is eligible for this next scholarship, send an e- mail to me at the address below. I will send you all the paperwork when it is released.

Migwetch,

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in Kansas. There was a very limited amount of seating as the event was it was moved into the Kansas House Chambers because of the snow.

Of course, my favorite part was the 55- member 35th Infantry Division Band. They played "Honors to the Governor" and "Home on the Range." It was Sergeant Rachel Adame's (Citizen Potawatomi) sec- ond inaugural ceremony. She was quoted in the Kansas Sentinel the official magazine newsletter of the Kansas Army National Guard saying, "It gives you a sense of pride to be an American and also being from

Kansas.” One of Governor Sam Brownback’s first budget proposals was for a new position - a part-time liaison between the tribes and the state.

We had another round of snow that almost caused cancellation of our elders “Lunch and Learn” event. But, our tribal elders are a strong bunch and turned out in full force. We had a great afternoon enjoying our lunch and listening to Joan Winter, R.N. inform us about the details of the new Senior Services Network in Kansas.

We had more than 30 citizens show up and listen as Joan described how she can help them co-ordinate their medical care, complete or explain their insurance paperwork, assist with light housekeeping duties, and deal with other concerns. I have heard from citizens who attended the luncheon and then had a home visit from Joan. They have nothing but high praise for her and the new program. I look forward to doing more events together with her in the future. She is coordinating a Health Fair in Rossville in April so be looking for details from her on that event. I look forward to meeting more of you there.



In the top photo, the Senior Services Network’s Joan Winter, between the flags, addresses CPN members at a Kansas Lunch and Learn event. In the bottom photo, Rep. Theresa Adame’s nephew, Luke Martin, poses with the HINU mascot during a campus tour.

I was able to use an invitation from my nephew Luke Martin, who has signed a letter of intent to play football at Coffey County (Kansas) Community College, to learn about the school’s program. The Native American Leadership event brought in



potential students to tour the campus, enjoy an evening meal, and attend a basketball game against the Johnson County Community College team.

The organization offers 20 scholarships to Native American students each year from money earned from events such as pow wows and from private funds. It was a great opportunity to hear about an academic program that is recruiting natives.

The work is continuing on the clean-up of Burnett’s Mound. We had a great turnout as the weather on Saturday, March 6th was the warmest we have had this year, at about 70 degrees. Ten CPN citizens and family members showed up to help. It was a great excuse to be outside, and I cannot believe how far it has come. I look forward to the time when we are in the process of creating walking trails and have finished clean-up. I will keep you informed of the next date.

I want to thank Professor Anderson (CPN citizen) for the invitation to address his history class at Haskell Indian Nations University. It was fun to introduce myself to a class of about 40 students as a descendent from the Navarre family. The Haskell University President’s Hall is named in honor of Pierre Navarre, the first graduate of the Haskell University Printing Department in 1901. The class is I addressed is studying tribal governments and the differences among and advancements of tribes. It was an opportunity for Prof. Anderson and me to feature the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and share our tribal history.

If you know of an organization that would like to learn more about our tribe, please let me know. As my schedule allows, I would be happy to speak to them.

Family Reunion Festival is just around

the corner. I know several of you are going, as the hotels are filling up fast. Remember, if you are from an honored family group, pictures are taken every year. Make sure you check the schedule for event listings.

If you do not receive my e-mail updates, please send a note to TAdame@potawatomi.org.
Theresa Adame
Kansas Legislative Representative

District #5 - Gene Lambert

Change, Change, Change. I am not sure if you resist change as much as I do. As time moves on the changes are almost always beneficial, and always a learning experience. Yet, we resist what we do not know and seem to be willing to accept substandard to avoid the change. Different seems to frighten many as we move through life. What would it be like if it were same ... all day ... every day ... forever?

Boring!!

We have a change now in our District #5 office. It is no longer in Chandler on Boston Street. We now have our new office at 8830 E. Germann Road, Bldg 27, Suite 8, Mesa, Arizona 85212. The mailing address is the same except you add Mail Box #6.

We are planning an open house so you can see the exceptional changes that are taking place. It is scheduled for May 14, 2011 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. You will be receiving your invitation shortly if you haven’t already.

I will be there, as will many other CPN members, and refreshments will be served.

Should any of you want to get your tribal name, there is a park close by. We can plan the ceremony to begin shortly after the open house concludes. If you are planning to go to the gathering this year in Shawnee, the last week of June (24-26), you will want to prepare to get your name while you are on tribal land. There is such a beautiful place there, and it seems to add to the experience.

Please note that during the move and this process of new, we did loose our telephones for more than three weeks. If you called and



left a message or had questions and I did not respond you, could have gotten caught up in the process.

I have received voicemail messages in which the name is not clear or numbers are jumbled on the recording, etc. Please be sure you say your name clearly and repeat the number, to prevent this happening to you.

I am very interested in what you have to say and getting to know each and every one of you. And, I am looking forward to April 3, 2011 so that we will all have a chance to get together again.

God be with you.

Migwetch,
Gene Lambert
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District #6 - Rande Payne

Bozhom Jayek (Hello, Everyone),

It's hard to believe, but yes, it's true, spring has sprung. Even here in California where the winters are mild, they seem so long. But the wheel of time rolls on, and clocks are already set forward, trees are in full bloom, and the days are getting longer. Everything begins anew. Such is the circle of life our Creator has made.

With spring come new activities, new opportunities, and something that stirs in our souls causing us to wake up, prodding us to get moving. Maybe the cabin fever is starting to break. Whatever it is, I look forward with excitement to all that lies ahead.

But winter wasn't without its unique activities that only winter can accommodate. I took advantage of an opportunity to go ice fishing in Minnesota in February. Having lived in California all my life, I had no idea what to expect, except knowing it would be cold. I have been to Minneapolis on a few occasions on business but always in summer or fall.

I have seen lots of snow here in the Sierras but never a lake with 65,000 miles of shoreline covered in three feet of rock-solid ice and two feet of snow on top of that. It was like a scene from the TV reality show "Ice Road Truckers" as we drove our 12-passenger van eight miles out onto the frozen lake to the fishing hut.

In past years they've gone out as far as 23 miles - just about as far as you can go without trespassing into Canada. It looked like an ice road superhighway with all the pickups, snow plows, and snowmobiles heading out to fish.

I rode a snowmobile for the first time. It was exhilarating! The day was sunny, and as I got farther out onto the lake, I suddenly realized that as far as I could see in every direction it was solid white. No trees, no buildings, nothing but the bluest sky I had ever seen - and snow.

It was hard to believe that months from that point you would need a boat to be where I was and all you would see would be sky and water. I caught lots of fish, mostly sauger and the occasional walleye, all of which the resort filleted, lightly breaded with special seasoning, and deep-fried to perfection. I ate fish morning, noon, and night for three days but it was wonderful!



How cold was it, you ask? They were actually having a heat wave while I was there. It was quite tolerable at 30 to 40 degrees during the day and in the high teens at night. But, the day I left the heat wave broke. The high was seven degrees. It was 14 below as we were loading up to head home. Great timing! Great adventure!

I often contemplate what life was like for our ancestors. The western shore of Lake Huron was home to the Potawatomi for many years. I imagine their climate was similar to what I experienced at Lake of the Woods. I know that our ancestors caught lots of fish and smoked it and dried it during the summer months for consumption during the winter; but, I wonder if they ever did any ice fishing. It's hard to imagine but I'm guessing they spent the better part of spring recovering from winter and their summer and fall preparing for winter.

I have to believe that work wasn't an option but rather a matter of survival. The harsh reality is most likely that, if you chose not to work or if you were unable to work, you perished. The adage "only the strong survive" makes sense when you think about what makes you strong. Work!

Other than taking care of young and old immediate family members who were unable to work, I seriously doubt there was a system of half the tribe doing all the work and carrying the half that chose not to. A system like that would cause animosity, division, and maybe even anger or hatred.

I am of the opinion that we were created to work. In the beginning work is what kept you alive. Within the tribe, work created unity, teamwork, purpose, self-worth, happiness, and a better life. Our ancestors were called savages for their way of life. Yet it seems they were only doing what the Cre-

ator wanted them to do and were happy to do it.

Is this the definition of "civilized" - a culture in which half its people do very little or nothing at all and survive on what those that do much produce? I don't think that's what the Creator had in mind for mankind. I think that's why those feelings of anger, animosity, division, and hatred spring up in a civilization where this is allowed. I wonder how much longer the Creator will allow civilized man to dishonor, disobey, and turn their backs on Him. Our civilization is now comprised of many that look only for what they can get. There are fewer and fewer that are interested in how they can give. Why has humility hidden its face?

I am very proud of our tribe and the work being done by our people. I have received a multitude of e-mails from constituents wanting to get involved and offering to help move the tribe and the district forward. It is refreshing and motivating. It gives me hope. Our leaders are working hard for the benefit of others.

There are events going on all around the country. As you may have read in the *HowNiKan*, District #8 Representative Dave Carney hosted a craft event at his district office in Washington. I was fortunate to be able to attend, and I was a greatly blessed being there. It was quite moving to gather with other Potawatomi and work with our hands, creating hand fans and chokers.

While it was purely recreational, there was unity and purpose, and you could feel the warmth of the hearts gathered in that place. I appreciate Dave's readiness and willingness to do for others. Learning how to make a hand fan and choker is only part of what I took away from that day. Thank you, Dave, for your great example of humility and servanthood. From that experience I have gained the knowledge and confidence to host a similar event.

Shortly after we were elected, District #7 Representative Mark Johnson and I met and agreed that we could accomplish more for

our districts by working together than by doing everything on our own. Geographically, we are both located where Districts #6 and #7 meet. Mark is at the south end of his district and I am at the north end of mine. So it made sense to us to include both districts for some of our events. I will take events on the road to Southern California and Mark to Northern California, affording the opportunity for more to attend district events.

On Saturday May 14th, Mark and I will be co-hosting a craft event at the District #6 office in Visalia. Please be on the lookout for details. Post card invitations will be going out soon as well. Mark and I hope that Potawatomi from all over California, Nevada, and even Hawaii will come to a central location to connect with family, friends, and fun. As Chairman Barrett puts it: "The definition of tribe is family."

From the Creator's written word as penned through the Apostle Paul, we receive instructions for living a humble life. Philippians 2:1-5 says, "1 Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus..."

A good life is a humble life. Please e-mail or call. I would love to hear from you.

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District #7 - Mark Johnson

Bozho,

Spring is here in Central California. All the oak trees are starting to green up, and summer will be here before you know it. It is time to make your plans to attend the Family Reunion Festival held the last weekend in June each year in Shawnee (June 24-26, this year). Each year at the Family Reunion Festival, the Nation honors a group of its Founding Families. In 2011, these families will be honored: Bourassa, Burnett, Melot, Navarre, Peltier, Wamego, Wilmette, and Vieux.

If you have not attended the Festival before, I would like to encourage you to attend, if you are up for a trip. It is an experience that you will not forget, and an excellent opportunity to learn about your heritage and your Nation, catch up with old friends, or meet new relatives.

On Saturday May 7, I will be hosting an open house event at the District #7 office in Clovis, California from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is an opportunity for you to visit the district office and meet with your representative and other members from the district. I would also like to hear your ideas for future smaller gatherings around the district and the types of events that you would like to attend outside of the Annual Regional Meeting, which is still in the planning stage and should be announced before too long.

Once again, please visit the District #7 website at www.markjohnsoncpn.com. If you do not have access to a computer, give



me a call and I will be happy to work with you on any questions you may have or provide you with additional information you might need to access tribal benefits that you are entitled to. One item on the website that has had good response is the listing of IHS Health Clinics in the district where our members can access health care resources within the district. You will also find information on our heritage and traditions.

Please take the time to call me or send me an e-mail with your contact information so that I can keep you informed of the happenings within the Nation and district. Migwetch,

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the pleasure of getting to know her, but I know from meeting her family that she must have been a wonderful person.

Granddaughters Jill and Brigid were accompanied by their three daughters and Jackie's husband, Nelson. Everyone there felt Jackie's presence with us that morning. I offer a special thank you to Steve Lynch/*Yatsoket* for hosting the event in his home. It was a perfect setting.

On March 13th, I hosted a naming at my home in Olympia, Washington. Rep. Rande Payne from sunny District #6 (Southern California and Nevada) joined the group as we gathered under a large pop-up canopy around the fire. That day, the weather did not cooperate; a steady rain fell as six members received their Potawatomi names. Five of the six are from the DeWitt family. A brunch feast followed.

On the afternoon of the 13th, we had a regalia craft day at the district office. The idea was to have members wear or bring to the gathering regalia that could be worn to the Family Reunion Festival for discussion and the creation of some new regalia pieces: feather hand-fans and chokers.

I had made several prototype fans, getting assistance in e-mail correspondence with Kelli Mosteller, the new Cultural Heritage Center director, and Stacy Coon, the Collections Manager at the CHC. They asked staff at the Nation to bring in their fans and they were photographed as inspiration for our group. Thank you Kelli, Stacy, and staff!

The fans we made are basically pine handles wrapped with elk hide or deer hide and

decorated with beads, fur, or both. For feathers, we used turkey feathers of various kinds. Some have been painted to look like eagle feathers. I purchased a few of these pine handles and determined that I could cut them with a band saw for a fraction of the price.

The chokers were made from kits purchased online through Ngoc Bay Trading Company. They were traditionally basic in design and are made up of sinew, pony beads, bone pipe, elk lacing, and leather.

It seems like each gathering has different founding family outweighing the others, this time it was a tie between the Ogees and the DeWitts.

In late July, I hope to make it to the Missoula, Montana area for a gathering or possibly a naming. This area has a good number of members living there, and I hope folks from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and the Spokane, Washington area will travel. Recently, I have also been contacted by members in central Oregon who want to have a get-together there. If you are interested in receiving your Potawatomi name or hosting a get-together for 25 to 50 people in your backyard or on your property, please reach out to me.

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District #8 - Dave Carney

Bozho, Nikan (Hello Friend) -

Winter has been a busy time in our district: two Potawatomi Naming ceremonies and an event in the District office. On an unusually rain-free Pacific Northwest morning in January, seven Oregon members received their Potawatomi names. Some of the many things that made this morning special were the strong feeling of family and of continuity of the Nation.

You see, I had the honor of naming two granddaughters of Jackie Taylor, the first elected representative from District #8. My predecessor, Jackie had been elected in 2007, in the first race after the newly-created legislature began, in a runoff election. Shortly after an orientation trip to Shawnee,



during which she was sworn in and received her Potawatomi name from Chairman Barrett, Jackie walked on. I never had

District #9 - Paul Wesselhöft

Bozho, Nikan!

Socrates on Facebook!

If you are on Facebook, I invite you to type "Socrates on Facebook" into the search box, tap the hourglass, and join the community group. This site is a perfect place for Native Americans and others to discuss the pertinent issues of the day.

Please contribute articles/essays or developed comments! This can be your place for Philosophy, Religion, Science, Politics, Culture, and the Arts! We are now 80 members and growing!

Socrates on Facebook (SOF) is a forum for discussing the serious questions of the day. I developed the site but it was inspired by Eric Metaxas whose work with



"Socrates in the City" is a great success in New York City, Chicago, and Houston.

Socrates, the Greek philosopher, said, "The unexamined life is not worth living."

Using this statement as our model, we invite Facebook friends to publish serious conservative, moderate, and liberal articles, essays, poems, or thoughtfully developed comments. We expect clashing ideas, openness, and a learning experience. We ask for civil discussion; therefore, we will not accept profanity, bigotry, or name-calling. SOF is a serious endeavor and must be different from the usual traffic on Facebook.

The Facebook community will critique and evaluate your offerings or dialogue with you concerning your developed but briefly written thoughts. Please post your

thoughtfully developed ideas and arguments.

We also invite you to recruit all of your Facebook friends to join our SOF community group page.

Let's get the membership into the thousands. Finally, you have found a forum to publish your developed thoughts!

You can also reach us at: paulw@groups.facebook.com. And, I have a blog at: wesselhoft.wordpress.com and at paulw.org.

Welcome and Migwetch,
Rep. Paul Wesselhoft/Naganit

that's OK. However, I'm talking about those who are struggling with life because they are trying to live beyond their means. You know who you are; Individuals who don't save any money each month and have always drawn on payday loans or advances on future pay checks.

Also, those individuals who do not have any disposable income that isn't pledged each month should try to stay away from credit cards, buying unneeded extra clothes, or buying too much perishable foods that you allow to spoil. Avoiding these situations (and similar ones) would gain some

extra savings.

This may hit close to home for some of us, but the best way to know what you will be doing in the next few years is to take charge of those things that can make a difference in your life. Only you, yourself, can take charge of this portion, practice, or situation in your life which will start to give positive returns.

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District #10 - David Barrett

Bozho,

What will we be doing at the end of 2011? This might be a big unknown for many because of these factors: gas prices, jobs, health costs, food prices, taxes, the nuclear power dilemma, and, farther down our list, such weather-related situations as tornados, hurricanes, tsunamis, earthquakes, flooding, droughts, and grassfires.

We can do certain things about the above conditions by preparing for them and not worrying about what might happen. All of us have had experiences with some of these things before, for instance, contributing to raising more of your own food, shopping closer to your home, or shopping for scattered items in one shopping center where you can park and walk to different stores, correcting your unhealthy lifestyle by exercising more, adding more fruits and vegetables to your meals, and looking for the positive side in all your conditions.

Taking these and other steps will add up to slowing down the increased costs of your health care. I include myself among those needing to get on the bandwagon to do more exercise and eat healthier. Doing so could and should lower your risk for hypertension and diabetes, with the added benefit of extra energy.

On your jobs, do what is necessary to become the "Employee of the Month." And, if everyone is striving to become more efficient, not only will you prosper but your company will, also. This is a small step toward growing our economy. It takes one dollar added to another dollar, and then it gets to five dollars, 10 dollars, 100 dollars, and more. You see what I mean.

We are not the first Americans, or Pota-



watomis, to be faced with hard times, but we as Americans and Potawatomi have always managed our crises, rebounding better and stronger.

In my opinion, gasoline prices will never come down to the prices we paid in the past. What we as a group must do is to slow the continual rise in the use of oil. We will have to give up some of our independence as individuals to doing everything when we want to do it; for instance, the travel time and distance to our major employer's work site and to entertainment centers.

Mass-transit buses from different areas could be developed to reduce the number of vehicles that travel our interstate highway systems. Car-pooling could be done on a broader scale. And, we can more wisely control our energy use for heating and air-conditioning.

Closing off your extra rooms when heat and air is required, when you are not using that room, will prevent that energy from being wasted, plus it will save money. Some of our crises stemmed from over-sizing for luxury instead of useful needs. Some will always be able to afford luxury, and

District #11 - Lisa Kraft

Thank you for the opportunity to serve another term as your Oklahoma (District #11) Representative. I get great joy turning ideas into action and standing up for things I believe in. I have no doubt that the next four years will bring even more tribal growth and expansion of tribal services.

During my first term, I was able to realize many of my platform goals. I sponsored the spay-neuter program for family pets. This program began as a local service and is now available to members nationwide. I continue to bridge our tribe with the local community through the Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art at St. Gregory's University in Shawnee. Alongside Vice Chairman Linda Capps, I sit on the museum's elected Board of Trustees and insert a tribal perspective in their public planning. This seat at the table, if you will, continues a legacy dating back to 1875 when our tribal leaders first petitioned the Benedictine Order to start a mission and school on our reservation.

I have also sponsored several bills to put additional land in trust for our present objectives and future goals. As a result, we have more than quadrupled our tribal trust land holdings in the last three years.

On that note, I firmly believe there is an inherent link between geography and how a person and people define themselves. Tribal history depicts our Potawatomi ancestors as major players in the Great Lakes fur-trading era and that our economic successes were factors in our forced relocations. Our tribe continues to document the forced relocation of our ancestors on the Trail of Death from Indiana to Kansas, so tribal members can personally experience history. Treaties and the experimental allot-



ment act in Kansas also set us apart from other Potawatomi, namely the Prairie Potawatomi.

The allotment acts in Indian Territory (Oklahoma became a state in 1907) and the disbanding of the tribal estate (reservation) demonstrate how our culture survived even when tribal members took individual allotments, sold them or saw them stolen, and, relocated, oftentimes out of state. Together, these historical land associations -from the Great Lakes to Oklahoma- are how we define ourselves as Citizen Potawatomi people and a tribal nation.

While allotments were forced on our tribe and our members, both in Kansas and Oklahoma, tribal members became stewards of their own land. These allotments are where tribal member families were raised and buried, where livelihoods were lost and made, and where families passed down knowledge and traditions. After 120-plus years, only 74 of these allotments remain in tribal member ownership. This is remark-

able since there were 1364 allotments made to our members under the Dawes Act of 1887 and 137 from the allotment act of 1872.

Like our tribe associates its identity with its former Oklahoma reservation, some tribal members take great pride in their family's inherited allotment. Now more than a century later, these 5300 acres (74 allotments) belong to roughly 2600 tribal member interest holders. Unfortunately, these inherited assets are now under scrutiny.

I have heard the argument recently that while the allotments were unjust, tribal members who own them are equally unjust in wanting to keep the land title in their individual families instead of giving or selling them back to the tribe. I have also been told that these allotments should be owned by the tribe (members collectively) and not individual members. Since my family (immediate and extended) owns majority interest in our inherited family allotment, I disagree with these positions. Our tribe is already strategically regaining trust resources throughout the former reservation despite these individual trust allotments belonging to tribal members.

If you own an interest in your family's original allotment, please write the tribe and request an ownership list to see who else owns a shared interest in the allotment and their percentage. You and your family have a right to contact these other interest-owners to form land owner associations to improve the land, to elect/appoint a land representative to work with our tribe (or the BIA) on leasing/management activities, and, yes, to make offers to buy other interest owners out and try to gain controlling interest-ownership in the allotment.

With the Cobell Settlement (as noticed

in this *HowNiKan* issue), the government may try to purchase fractional interests in trust allotments on behalf of tribes. Once a tribe becomes an interest holder in an allotment, it, like any other interest holder can begin buying out interests until it owns a majority (51% ownership). When any interest holder, individual or tribe, acquires majority ownership, it can then petition for a forced sale and make minority (small) interest holders sell their interests.

For those tribal member interest-holders living outside of Oklahoma, please know that Oklahoma is home to Chesapeake Energy and Devon Energy. New drilling, extraction, and mapping technologies are emerging; these allotments, quite possibly, have potential for untapped natural resources. If someone is trying to persuade you to sell your interest in your family allotment, oil and gas exploration may be one objective to their offer. All but 18 of the 74 allotments still contain ownership of the mineral rights.

It is very important that tribal members know they have rights before they are approached to sell. If you desperately need the money, only you can decide what is best for you and your family. Immediate- and extended-family-owners may pay more than a distant-relative. You and your family may decide that making a gift or willing your allotment interest to the tribe is the best choice. Whatever option you decide, please know the alternatives -either keeping it in the family or in our larger tribal one.

As your Oklahoma Representative, I will continue to advocate for those things I believe in and will always be thinking Potawatomi.

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Tribal Rolls Director Chuck Clark about out scholarship program. It is simply based off your membership in the tribe. So, every member qualifies, regardless of income. With the cost of college tuition as high as it is today, I don't know anyone who couldn't use the assistance.

Over the past month-and-a-half, I have had the privilege of celebrating two milestones in my family. One was my Aunt Rita's 90th birthday, and the other was my Aunt Mary's and Uncle Leroy's 65th wedding anniversary. Both of these celebrations make me think of what they have seen and experienced over these periods. What a blessing they have been in my life. So, once again, happy birthday Aunt Rita and happy anniversary Aunt Mary and Uncle Leroy. Like most Potawatomis, they were both very instrumental in our upbringing.



As always, it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great Nation. Bama pi and Migwetch, Paul Schmidlkofer

District #13 - Bobbie Bowden

Bozho, Nikan (Hello Friends)!

It's the time of year to begin making plans to attend the Family Reunion Festival. My kids are already asking when it is and excited about going. You can either register your family online or there is a registration form in this addition of the *HowNiKan*. The festival is scheduled for Friday, June 24 through Sunday, June 26.

This year's festival is extra meaningful to me because it will mark the beginning of my second term as your District #13 Legislative Representative. I am so honored to have the opportunity to serve our tribe. It continues to be an incredible learning experience for me.

The festival also means it is time for you to be ready to vote on the upcoming elections as well as the approval of the annual budget for the earnings of the trust fund. All eligible voters will receive a ballot that contains that question. Eligible voters in Oklahoma will also receive a ballot with the uncontested races for the three legislative seats on it.

If you plan on casting your vote by absentee ballot, you should already have received your request form. The deadline for the receipt of voted absentee ballots by the CPN Election Committee is 10:00 a.m. on June 5, 2011, in the committee's post office box.

Attending the festival will allow you the opportunity to visit the many new projects the tribe is working on. This includes Fire-



Lake Bowling Center and the new arena that will hold events such as concerts, livestock-related competitions, and trade shows. My heart swells with pride each time I drive through Shawnee and see the progress and growth of the tribe's enterprises and service facilities.

If I can be of service to you in any way please feel free to contact me at BBowden@potawatomi.org. As always it is a pleasure and honor to serve you and our nation.

Migwetch,
Bobbie Bowden

District #12 - Paul Schmidlkofer

Bozho, Nikan,

Well, I just returned to work from spring break. For the first time in I don't remember how many years, our spring break was actually a spring break. By that, I mean most of the weather was spring-like.

For many students, the next term will fly by rapidly, and summer will be here. For many, it is the end of their high school career and the start of their future. Hopefully, every one of them has made plans on what

they will be doing.

For many, it will be off to the world of work. Here at my school (Gordon Cooper Technology Center), we train high school students and adults for careers and college prep. Thus, many will be entering their chosen careers from here. Many others will be off to college for more training.

The whole point of this is that, if you are one of those who will be going on for more training, be sure to check in with CPN

Vice Chairman Linda Capps

Do you know that Methamphetamine use and suicide are two of the most serious problems plaguing teenagers today? These maladies were the subject of the CPN FireLodge Children and Family Services art contest in February.

I had the distinguished honor to help judge the tribal youth art contest. When I was asked to participate and instructed on what my role as a judge would entail, I readily accepted. After all, the task could not be that difficult, I thought. Since the entrants were 12 through 19 years old, I thought it would be a fairly easy task; however, I did not calculate the insight and talent of the young participants.

Although the responsibility of choosing the top winners would be shared with others, I still felt overwhelmed when the folder containing the numerous (more than 40) art posters was delivered to my office. Wow! I was impressed that these young people put so much thought into the topics. I agonized over the top three choices for each category and age group. It took me a lot longer than I had anticipated.

I applaud all the young people who entered the contest. Each of you are winners whether you received one of the top three awards or not. You are winners because you have experienced the importance of the prevention program. You are a step ahead of many of your peers because you have taken the initiative to choose wisely by enrolling in a program that specializes in alcohol and drug prevention. You are to be commended



for taking the initiative in learning how to enhance your life skills and how to be successful in school.

The highlight of the contest was a banquet given in honor of those who participated. The event proved to be a huge success ... not just for the student participants, but also for the parents, grandparents, other relatives, friends, tribal employees, and tribal elected officials who attended. It was an extremely rewarding evening.

The FireLodge Tribal Youth Program is just one of several programs under the umbrella of Janet Draper's leadership. Some of the other programs are Indian Child Welfare, Domestic Violence Prevention, Child Protection Services, Family Preservation, and Clothing Assistance. These programs also provide referrals for individual, family,

and group counseling. All of the staff members are competent in their positions as advocates of the family unit and as protectors of the welfare of others.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is blessed as a Nation to be able to offer such much-needed services.

As always, I cherish the opportunity to serve as your Vice Chairman and to play a small part in the tremendous success of such worthy programs as FireLodge Children and Family Services.

Migwetch,
Linda Capps



The category winners in the poster contest are (from left) Shannon Lane, Elisa Reyes, and Austin Huddleston. Winner Erin Hrenchir of Paola, Kansas was not able to attend the banquet. In the photo at bottom left, the anti-meth abuse public service announcement based on Erin Hrenchir's artwork is displayed.

Native American teens are more likely than any other group to attempt suicide.

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Potawatomi Language Department

Aho Ginwa! Let me take this opportunity to say, “Aho. Sam Navarre ndezhnekas, Whitebead, Oklahoma ndoch bya. Bodwe-wadmindow, Shishibaniyek.” For those who are unfamiliar with me, I have been with the Tribe for about five years, doing most of my service working with the scholarship program. However, I was accepted into the Language Department in the Fall of 2010.

It is an honor to work with the Potawatomi language, in part because of the collateral wisdom it allows me to share with you, just as it was an honor to work with a department that helps so many of you further your education. That is so because I believe that learning is life and that when you stop learning you become conceited or boring.

In my time with Scholarships, my colleagues and I were part of almost tripling the number of students receiving that benefit. That is something I like to take pride in and brag about. Sometimes having pride in, as, or of itself isn't a beautiful quality, but when the pride comes from the use of our traditional values, I figure it's okay to do some bragging.

One of the benefits of working with the Language Department is that we have an annual conference held by the Administration for Native Americans, where we get to meet with members of other tribes and share ideas with other NDNs. We share similar dilemmas and successes, and are sometimes reminded of our role in our own communities as well. Sometimes, that community is as small as our friends and co-workers. Sometimes, it stretches beyond the borders of the United States and even farther than Turtle Island itself.

One of the largest groups in attendance this year was the Native Hawaiians. I had the honor of speaking with an elder who had used his life to learn and further educate his people on the ways of his culture. In his view, their Native culture is wrapped inside their language. As he explained, many things in his people's way of life can only be expressed in his Native language.

This man is a teacher of traditional architecture, traditional dance, and traditional philosophy. He won't consider someone his student unless he can teach that person in their Native tongue. That is how strong

their culture is, and that is how important the meanings inside their language are to their way of life.

As the conference continued, I was fortunate enough to sit in on a discussion regarding traditional values. All over Indian Country I have seen what are referred to as the Seven Grandfather Teachings. Give or take one or two, they are usually the same no matter which Tribe I am visiting. These values are good, and one who can learn AND follow these teachings is surely a good person.

However, it is discouraging to read the definitions of these words and realize they do not encompass the entire scope of the meaning of each value as they do when you learn them from a Native point of view. We must remember that so many of the words have been translated from Potawatomi to English and then back into Potawatomi; something is always lost in the translation. So, to look at these values from a Native perspective, it's best to describe each value, rather than selecting one vague English word to express the entire thought.

The values that have been important to us as a people are not limited to the Seven Grandfather Teachings. I know I do not know or consistently follow all the values of my ancestors, but I have chosen a few and will attempt to share some of the knowledge that has been shared with me.

The first value is Mno Bmadzewen; translated it means “good life.” But mno bmadzewen is much more than that. It is the practice of a healthy life. Physical health, mental health, a positive attitude, and the desire to do your best are all parts of mno bmadzewen.

When you ask someone, “How's it going?” and she replies, “Good,” it does not really tell you much. When someone asks you, “Ni je na?” and you reply, “nMno bmadzes,” you are telling him that you are happy, healthy, and free from doubt.

The next logical value is Jagenagenan. This is our word for the term “All my relations.” You will hear this in many prayers because it is so inclusive of all things the Creator has given us to share in our life. This does not simply mean “My family” or “The people of this Tribe.” It means every living thing on Earth. Your family, your neighbors, the animals, the rivers, the trees,

the wind, even Paris Hilton, are all covered by the word Jagenagenan. When you use this term, you are truly asking that all things be blessed.

Widoktadwen, or “Community”, is another value that loses its meaning in translation. Yes, it refers to you and your surroundings, but it is also referring to the life and health of your surroundings. Participation in making your community safer, healthier, and happier is a large part of widoktadwen. Accepting your role in your community and letting others fulfill their role in the community as well are also part of this value.

I have many Elders across Indian Country, and it is because of a Kiowa Elder who taught me some of his people's ways that these two are my favorite values in my life: Mkedekewen and Wedasewen - “Sacrifice” and “Bravery.” I was taught that to be a good man requires a life built on these two virtues. Mkedekewen literally refers to the “blackening of the face,” a practice our ancestors used when they were fasting. It also infers generosity to one's people. In the old day, it was easy to spot the headman of the village; he was the one who had given all his possessions to the people around him.

Wedasewen, or “Bravery”, is not the lack of fear, but rather the acceptance of fear and the commitment to fight against what is unhealthy for you or your community. Mkedekewen and Wedasewen are values our ancestors must have adhered to, otherwise we surely would not all be here.

Other values such as Madmowen, or “Prayer”, and Yatsokewen, or “Storytelling”, are important, as well. Through the art of yatsokewen, our people were able to hand down wisdom, encouragement, discipline, and history to their children. Yatsokewen is becoming a lost art, so I hope many of you will learn the old stories and the appropriate time to share them.

Madmowen is easily translated into English as “Prayer.” We should give thanks regularly to the Creator to affirm our belief that He is doing what is best for us and to let Him know that we want to love and to be loved and that we know it all starts with Him.

The final value I would like to share is Wdetanmowen. This is “Respect.” Let me be honest; without wdetanmowen no one

really wants you in his life. It's okay to steal someone's pump at the gas station or parking spot at Wal-Mart, but, please, hold the door open for his family on your way out. Listen to others before condemning them or their ideas. Treat others the way they treat the world. This requires both wdetanmowen and wedasewen.

These values are important to you as a person and as a Tribal member. I would like to encourage each of you who are receiving a scholarship or any other benefit to thank the people who are helping you receive your assistance. There are thousands of Tribal members getting help from just a handful of workers. Use your traditional values. They will make you a better person, and that will lead you to mno bmadzewen. Migwetch, bama pi!!

Attention CPN Veterans

I am Clyde Yates, a CPN member and Viet Nam veteran. I have trained as a Veterans Services Officer through the VFW, with the training done by certified VA services officers.

If you need any help with your service-connected VA disability claim, please call me at 405-598-0797. Tell the receptionist that you need assistance with a VA claim and need to contact Clyde Yates, service officer. I will return your call and set up an appointment. I will need your name and telephone number.

I look forward to talking to each one of you and helping CPN veterans.

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New CPN Enrollees

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation welcomes the following people who were approved by Resolution 11-53-LCoE for tribal membership at the latest quarterly legislative meeting held on February 24, 2011.

Hope Aleece Albers, Katlyn Elizabeth Anderson, Lauren Alexandria Anderson, Emre Anne Anderson, Kendra Ann Anderson, Jennifer Lynn Bates, Mkyha Raynee Bibb, and Brandon Scott Bradfield.

Also, Wendy Mae Bradfield, Tyler Joseph Breckenridge, Mason Clay Breckenridge, Evan Beasley Brewer, James Keith Buford, Karen Elizabeth Buttry, Essence Dorayja' Carey, and Allyson Ann Carr-Giessl.

Also, Michael Anthony Carrillo, Jordyn Claire Casey, Landyn Nicholas Casey, Kaidyn Jay Casey, Haidyn Lee Casey, Laylah Ann Cecotti, Mary Ellen Clymer, Bradley Alan Cockrell, and Brooke Danielle Cockrell.

Also, Orin William Coleman, Charles John Coleman IV, Hailee Elizabeth Collins, James Thomas Collins, Clair Renee Collins, Mason Warren Comer, Makynzi Grace Comer, and Kady Michael Comer.

Also, Kyira Hope Comer, Alexia Lauren Cook, Skylar Emmitt Coots, Lexi Jobie Coots, Titus Emmitt Coots, Hayley Noel Correy, Ava Marie Cortez, Mya Elena Cortez, and Lexis Lee Corum.

Also, Makayla Paige Corum, Novalii Rae Corum, Paisly Adelle Corum, Isabella Hope Cosby, Dalton Brady-Eugene Cosby, Eli Ray Cosby, Lindsay Marie Costa, Kristy Ann Cox, and Emma Jo Crisp.

Also, Ava Raelyn Curley, Serena Faith Nahono Davis, Gabrielle Grace Davis, Kelsey Faye Depel, Justice Thomas Donahoo, Ayden Cole Downing, Gavin Russ Dubbs, and Sierra Lynn Dubbs.

Also, Samuel McCaughey Dunham, Kade Robert Dunning, Glenna Jean Elkins, Jessica Suzanne Felix, Jacob Uriel Felix, Joseph Charles Felix II, Christy Michelle Fields, and Davion James Flowers.

Also, Jazlyne Yvonne Flowers, Justin Boyd Gansel, Logan Boyd Gansel, Denise Aline Gardner, Baby Boy Garrett, Dakota Lane Garver, Raylee Genova Garver, Shimmer Jetsy Gerard, and Josephine Claire Gimigliano.

Also, Jacqueline Grace Gimigliano, Kimberly Sue Gomez, Jessica Nicole Gomez, Jordan Alexandra Gomez, Lindsay Danielle Gomez, Jacobo Fernando Addison Gomez, and Tiffany Elizabeth Grudem.

Also, Amber Elizabeth Grudem, Heidi Kilynn Rain Hammons, Carson Lee Hancock, Blayne Maason Hardin, Quila Rockell Jean Hardin, Jane Marie Hassan, Anna Marie Hassan, and Breanna Marie Henderson.

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Also, Audrie Marie Morrison, Jennifer Lynne Myers, Atley Grace Naughton, Caris Violet Naughton, Coleman James Ober, Grace Makenzie Olive, Mitzi Rose Olson, and Kylie Lynnae Overton.

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Also, Julia Janice Schultz, Riya Ann Seward, Ethan Raymond Shaw, Kimberly Rose Shelton-Johnson, Sydney Michelle Smith, Dennis Daniel Smith, and Stephen

Richard Sommerfield.

Also, Cameron Logan Spalding, Emily Michelle Stites, Amanda Nicole Stites, David Gavin Stites, Myah Lynn Story, Ian Thomas Sutton, Mabelle Louise Svensen, Raven Karann Tatum, Jonathan Christian Trout, and Jordan Gregory Vore.

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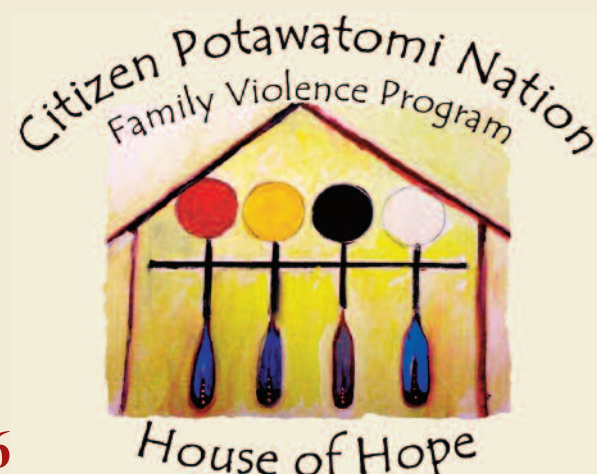
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Ernest Krapp used civilian skills to fashion make-shift surgical instruments

CPN sailor's ingenuity saved lives in World War II

(Editor's note: This story highlighting the ingenuity of Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Ernest Krapp, as displayed under pressure during World War II, is from the April 17, 1945 edition of the Borger, Texas Daily Herald.)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I knew Ernest Krapp C. M. 1-C from November 1942, until November 1943, while our respective units were stationed in the Southwest Pacific at APO 708. During this time, I found to be an industrious and skilled workman, both in wood and metals, and to be dependable at all times. He is an expert toolmaker and on several occasions fashioned surgical instruments from old, aeroplane parts, with which we performed otherwise impossible operations in the combat zone.

I wish to commend him most highly - Howard E. Dorion, Capt. M.C., Surgical Service, 25th Evacuation Hospital.

The above is a copy of the letter Ernest Krapp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Krapp, Coble Street, proudly carries around, with others of a similar nature since his discharge from the Navy on February 14, 1945.

In civilian life, Ernest's trade is cement and carpentering business. He volunteered as a cement finisher in the Seabees of the Navy on February 5, 1942. He found himself officially listed as a Carpenter Mate 2-C on June 28 of the same year.

What started Ernest making surgical instruments? Well, just read is story:

"I was stationed at a base hospital somewhere in the South Pacific when doctors of the unit received word that three to five hundred men were being shipped in for medical attention. Our ships and two planes with all medical supplies had been lost and the physicians were at a loss to know what to do to aid these wounded men that would be coming for medical attention

"The wounded started to arrive. Surgeons were helpless, knowing they did not. Have instruments to perform operations necessary to save lives and human suffering. There was nothing to work with. They were without incision retractors, eyelid retractors, amputation knives, bone saws, artery and forceps clamps, needle sutures, operating tables, All these instruments were



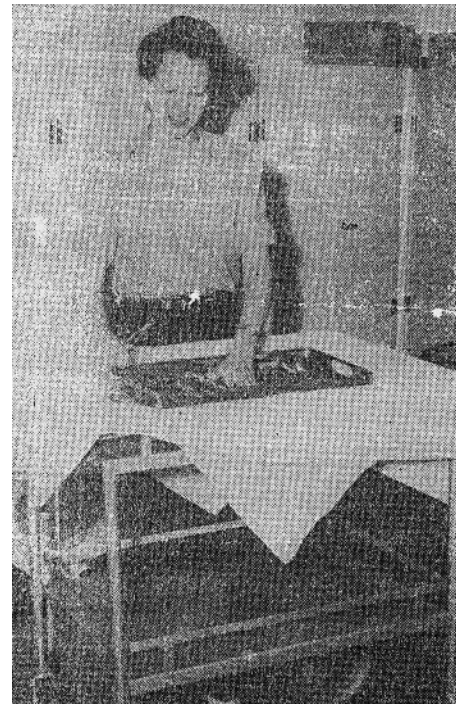
Pictured above right is an Army Nurse, identity unknown, with a tray of surgical instruments made by Ernest. Krapp, C. M. 1-c, (above left) for use by doctors in the Pacific Theater when needed instruments were unavailable The son of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Krapp of 913 N. Coble, in Borger, Texas, he served two years and 10 months with the Seabees in the South Pacific.

necessary before the doctor could do his part. Dr. Dorion came and asked me if I could fashion some kind of tool they might use to help them out in the emergency.

"Close to us lay a Groomen plane that had been shot down. I went over to see what could be salvaged that might assist with the situation. There was stainless steel! Plenty of it. But, could I do what they wanted? I was not a surgical technician, just a plain carpenter's mate second class with a yen for making things out of metal, iron, or wood.

"Suddenly, I found myself remembering my Granddad, B. F. James, of Spearman, Texas. I remembered how the family used to say to Granddad, 'Don't be bothered with him; he asks too many questions.' I remembered my Granddad's reply, 'A boy will never learn unless he asks questions. Let him go ahead.'

"My grandfather ran a blacksmith shop. As a boy, I used to love to visit and see the wonderful pieces of work that he turned out from his forge. If ever wanted anything, my grandfather always said I could have (it),



provided I made it myself. He would supervise my efforts; how proud I would be of the completed article

"All this came back to me on that island with men lying in agony, some going to die because there was not instruments: to do the delicate work of the professional men.

"Checkups were made. One fellow, the doctors said, would lose his leg because of the lack of silver to splice the bone. I remembered I had a piece of silver that measured about eight by twelve inches. I told the doc that, if he could use it, he would be welcome. But, we still didn't have the bone saw.

"Making a snap decision, I asked the doctor if he could give me some kind of an outline for the instruments required.

"It's funny what a fellow can do under pressure! From the stainless steel procured from the wrecked aeroplane, the doctor and I worked incessantly for forty-two hours fashioning an operating table with its metal floor, amputation knives, bone saws, artery and forceps clamps, instruments necessary to complete the job. An oxygen tank was

filled with bellows made from hot water bottles. The mask was made from gas masks. At the end of the laborious task, three doctors were supplied with complete acts of surgical instruments, including a pressure heating sterilizer for surgery, making a total of eighty.

"I was interested in the fellow who was getting my silver square spliced to his thigh. The doctor was interested in how I happened to have the silver. That was an easy one. On my way through New Mexico to the coast, I figured I'd have a little time on my hands, when I got somewhere in the Pacific, so when passing through Gallup, N.M., I picked up the silver to enable me pass the time away, making souvenirs for the folks back home. Now a fellow has it for a souvenir with a sheep bone being bradded to the silver, making a splice for the thigh bone, and the soldier has a leg about as good as new again.

"The requests were not over. Came the dentists. They didn't have any setup at all. Dentures were necessary, partial plates required. O-kay, all were fashioned at the blacksmith's shop, and many a gold tooth, being kept for a souvenir, went into the melting pot for a G.I. bride. What they carried in their pockets many of them now carry as a molar. And if anyone found their souvenirs missing, no one asked any questions.

"Last, but not least, came the nurses with their problems. Could I help them fix something to wash clothes, could I fix their iron, and oh, what wouldn't they give for a hot tub? Again, I went to work, fashioning a washing machine from an oil barrel, fitting it with a motor from a diesel burner that once belonged to a bakery oven that had been blown up. The propeller of the plane was used for the dasher, and the girls were happy. Teak wood made an ironing board for them; new units were fitted into the irons.

"No bath tub was available, but I took the heating unit from copper pipe that we had along with us, and made showers. The water was too cold to use without being heated. Yes, I got along well with the nurses!

"The rehabilitations program really originated
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Amy Herrick purchases financial planning practice

CPN member, family enjoying Virgin Islands paradise

ST. CROIX, Virgin Islands - Just because your business is based in Topeka, Kansas, it doesn't mean you can't have an ocean view from your office. If you are willing to see beyond physical location and think globally, instead of locally, your "office" can be wherever you want it to be. That's the reality that Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Amy Rose Herrick has created for herself and her family.

"Thinking global begins with the way we conduct our lives and the dreams we have for our businesses. When I think of Topekans who think globally, I think of Amy Rose Herrick," Kevin Doel wrote in a recent edition of Topeka's Business Magazine. Doel is president of Talon Communications Group, a Topeka-based company specializing in public relations, social media and marketing communications.

Doel added: "Her colorful clothes and outgoing personality don't fit the stereotype of the staid financial planner in a gray button-down and sensible skirt. And, when it comes to her life and her business, she doesn't limit herself to what she can see and touch."

Herrick, ChFC, IAR, a financial services adviser, moved to St. Croix in January 2011, after purchasing the mutual fund and variable life practice of Warner Riviere. Herrick, who is a Chartered Financial Consultant and Investment Adviser Representative with more than 25 years experience in the financial services industry, decided last summer to move to St. Croix.

She said the business is currently in the process of transferring Riviere's client accounts. Her hometown was under a foot of snow during a recent interview at her seaside home/office on St. Croix's east end. "We are thrilled to be here," she added.

Herrick said she works in portfolio management, cash flow issues, income tax planning, and life insurance. "Anything that touches money, I deal with," she said. Herrick's financial planning for individual clients and businesses includes services in retirement, estate, college, risk management, charitable legacies, and wealth management. She also provides insurance planning for health, life, disability, and long-term care insurance. She coordinates her clients' resources and helps them



CPN member Amy Herrick takes her work outside, to the patio at her new location in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

budget and use their resources.

Herrick works with clients who are from recent-college-graduate age to retirees in their 80s, as well as working with people of all income levels. She said, "If somebody is motivated and needs a little bit of help, it doesn't matter how much money he or she makes. Usually, I have some ideas for them. If I can't help them, then I can refer them to someone to help them with that particular need."

Herrick said the first meeting with her potential clients is free of charge. She said that if she and her clients decide to go forward, she charges her clients by projects, depending on what kind of project it is and how long it takes. She said that if they do not plan to go forward, she still provides them with certain tips to follow on their own.

She said she is not looking for a large quantity of clients, but quality clients with whom she can work for years to come.

Discussing this major change in her life circumstances, Herrick said, "Too often we get into a repetitive life pattern - we see only our familiar surroundings, we do the

familiar and 'safe' things most of the time. We forget how big a world we live in and how many opportunities lie just beyond the familiar if we only look up and farther out. We forget how to dream dreams and then take the time to explore how to make them realities."

While Herrick has always been committed to growing and servicing her Topeka client-base, she hasn't limited her business to the confines of Kansas' capital city. Her growing practice now enables her to serve clients in 14 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In a bold move that illustrates her "think big" attitude, Herrick recently acquired a mutual fund and variable life practice based in St. Croix. In January Amy set-up her new office in St. Croix and divides her time between there and Topeka, specializing in financial planning for individuals and businesses. She says that modern technology enables her to serve her clients' needs in the life insurance, portfolio management or financial services. Even when she's in St. Croix, she stays in contact with her clients in Topeka and elsewhere via Skype or phone-conferencing.

"With the ability to access multitudes of information online, e-mail, Skype, online document storage solutions, overnight and two-day mail services, scanning, faxing, cell phones, online client management systems, etc., having a successful small business does not always mean a fixed storefront location is required," Herrick explained.

Eleven years ago, Amy painted a mural and Mark Twain quote on her wall and read it every day until all of her big dreams for her life and business came to fruition: "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the tradewinds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." - Mark Twain.

Herrick moved to the island with her husband Randy and four of their six children. Two of their grown children, who have families of their own, did not move to the island with them.

Herrick has co-authored a financial advice book with nine other financial advisers. The book is titled "Stop & Think - 10 Outstanding Advisors Provide Important Financial Advice for You and Your Family." The chapter she wrote is "Protecting Your Assets and Lifestyle from Catastrophic Medical Expenses." For more information, visit www.AmyRoseHerrick.com, e-mail Herrick at amy@amyroseherrick.com, or call her at 785-224-8954.

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Please contact the Tag Agency at 405-878-4844 for information or to register your vehicle.

Tecumseh council approves cooperative water agreement

by Kim Morava – Shawnee News-Star

TECUMSEH, Okla. - In separate meetings on Monday, March 7, the Tecumseh, Oklahoma city council and its members sitting as the utility authority took two different steps that will impact the community's future. The city council hired a consultant to do a comprehensive 20-year plan for the Tecumseh community, while the utility authority board approved a cooperative water agreement with Pottawatomie County Rural Water District No. 3, owned by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The second action secures an emergency back-up water source for Tecumseh residents.

Mayor Eddy Parker, who also serves as chair of the utility authority, said he and Vice-Mayor Linda Praytor, along with City Manager Jim Thompson, met with John 'Rocky' Barrett, chairman of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and members of its RWD No. 3, and a cooperative water agreement was the result. Thompson said that, by hooking the two water sources together, it becomes a situation where either can buy or sell reserve water to the other, creating an emergency, back-up water source for the city of Tecumseh.

Many things are already in place to make that connection work, although it will take some time to build a water line to Tecumseh from Wanette, located in southern Pottawatomie County, Thompson said. But



when completed, that line will provide the back-up water system the city needs, he noted. "It will be a while before they build a line," Thompson said, but the RWD also will begin passing its water through Tecumseh's system to reach some of its customers, and will pay transportation costs to the city in return.

The Tecumseh utility authority discussed how having a backup is critical for the future, citing water plant problems during the February 2011 snowstorm that impacted city residents. "This would give us an emergency source if we need it," Praytor said, adding the source of the district's water is from the Atoka, Oklahoma waterline.

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inated in these islands. When a man just didn't show any interest in anything, and just sat around 'looking,' doing nothing that was bad. The nurses tried to get him interested, if the fellows couldn't kid him into doing anything. It really was a serious matter. With some of these types of cases, I would try to help them by inviting them for a Coke. It was useless to invite them to the shop. They simply refused to come or even look.

"On the way back from the refreshment, I would manage to maneuver them by the shop, never mentioning it in any way. In the window were souvenirs of all kinds - rings, brooches, earrings, belts. There was hardly a fellow I maneuvered past that window who didn't want something for his folks

back home. It was his. The only stipulation, he had to make it himself. It was wonderful to see the interest and the returning sparkle of the joy of living come to the man's eyes.

"Little did my grandfather think he was teaching something that would be put to use in World War II when he insisted I make my own articles, and answered a boy's incessant questions."

With a medical discharge from the Navy, Ernest Krapp is now in Gallup, New Mexico, fashioning items that he loves from leather and silver that are so abundant.

Praise of the Medical Corps is deserved. Without his efforts on behalf of his comrades, one shudders to think what might have happened!

CPN Health Aids

Bozho,

Today I want to talk to you about God, family, co-workers, and friends. In our lifetimes, there are a lot of hills to climb, and some seem to get higher and higher. You think you are going to live forever and at a health level that you desire.

Last year, I was diagnosed with leukemia, never dreaming that was my reason for feeling tired all the time. I have always had a positive attitude and thought I could take care of myself. However, sometimes the good Lord says, "Not enough. I will test your faith once more."

The calls, cards, gifts, and prayers from

co-workers, CPN administration, and tribal members have been so uplifting that I cannot begin to explain the confidence they have given me. My health problem is improving, and the doctors are pleased with my progress.

I wanted to explain to all of you why I have been absent and let you know that I will be back for you full-time as soon as I possibly can. Please do not take one day of your life for granted for you will look one day and the dance will be over.

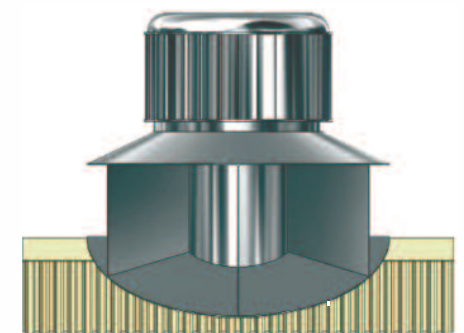
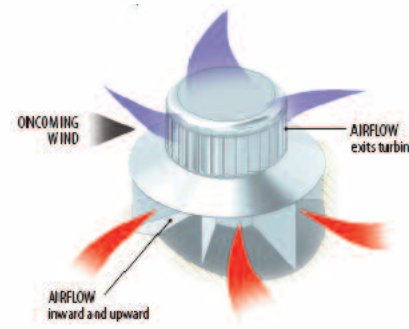
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The Truth Behind the Credit Myths

Myth #1: I need to open as many credit accounts as I can qualify for in order to build credit. You need only two different types of credit reporting monthly to the credit bureaus in order to build credit.

Myth #2: I am building credit by paying all my utilities and rent on time. This is partially true. Late payments and defaults are usually reported to the bureaus, but seldom do you build good credit in this manner because most utility and rental companies do not report regularly to the credit bureaus.

Myth #3: I am building credit by using short-term loans. Because your length of history and on-time payment history are 50% of your credit score, if the loan is not for at least 12 months it is most likely not going to build much credit. These types of loans are typically more expensive than traditional loans; to ensure you are fully aware of the cost of these loans, make certain you know what the Annual Percentage Rate (APR) is for any loan you agree to. The APR is the interest plus fees meaning this is the true cost of the loan.

Myth #4: Building credit is always expensive. This can be the case when first establishing credit, but it can be less expensive if you have a co-signer. Another way to build credit inexpensively is to have a credit card that you can afford to pay off every month. Creditors only want you to use 30-50% of the credit they give you so if you pay it off every month then you will increase your score by keeping a near-\$0.00 balance from month to month. Also, by paying on time, you are building a positive credit history.

Myth #5: I don't need credit. This is one of the most destructive myths. Even if you are not planning a credit purchase in the near future, the need for good credit is great. Prospective employers may use it for hiring purposes, and insurance companies use credit scores to determine their customers' rates. This makes it more important

than ever to ensure your credit score reflects the image you want to portray.

Myth #6: Just paying my bills on time is enough to build credit. Making on-time payments is important because late payments are recorded as a negative item for up to seven years, but on-time payments alone are not always enough to build credit. It takes strategy to build credit; it seldom happens by accident.

Myth #7: I need credit to build credit. For some, this may be true. But as a Citizen Potawatomi member, you are eligible for a credit-builder loan. The Credit-Builder Loan works like a prepaid loan, but has been instrumental in raising credit scores by as much as 100 points a year. Also, some banks offer cash-secured consumer loans which require you to give the bank the amount of the loan in cash up front. Then, you make monthly payments. After you make your last payment, the bank releases the funds back to you. This type of loan is usually at the best possible interest rate since the bank assumes no risk.

Myth #8: If I pay a loan off early it will help my score. This will usually save you money on interest, but will not necessarily help you build credit. Because only 30% of your score is how much you still owe on a particular account and 50% is how long you made on-time payments, sometimes it is better to pay the loan to maturity. If you are unsure whether it would be beneficial to your credit score to pay off an account early, contact a credit counselor who can help guide you.

Myth #9: If I close an account it will hurt my credit score. The answer to this is similar to Myth #8. For instance, if you have two credit cards with comparable rates and fees, and one card was open for five years more than the other, it would be best to keep the card with the longest history. It is important that, if you never intend to use a card again, you close it yourself, as you never want your report to show that any ac-

count was closed by the creditor.

The most important thing to remember while building credit is what makes up your credit score: **35% is your payment history.** Creditors want to see that you have a habit of making on-time payments.

30% is how much you have left to pay on an account. Creditors only want to see you owe 30-50% of your original loan amount or credit limit. The closer you are to getting your balance down to one-half of original loan amount, the closer you are to raising your score up to 30%.

15% is length of history. The more on-time payments you make on an account, the better it looks to a lender. Anything less than 12 months worth of history will most likely not build your credit at the speed you would like.

10% is diversity. Creditors want to see that you can handle different kinds of credit. Just remember that you only need two items reporting in order to build credit. For example, if you have a mortgage and an auto loan, a credit card is not needed in order to build credit.

10% is new credit. New credit never helps your score. If you make a small purchase, you won't suffer a full 10% decrease in your score. But, if you were to buy a television, a motorcycle, and a boat all in the same month, you might feel that full 10%. Also, if you make a significant purchase such as a new home, you might also see up to a 10% decrease in your score temporarily.

Building credit is not something that happens quickly or easily. But, given some strategy and time, credit can grow into an important asset. If you would like someone to help you strategize or just encourage you along the way, the CPN Community Development Corporation has two certified credit counselors in our office. They would gladly fill that role. We are able to not only help clients in the Shawnee area, but we can help a tribal member anywhere in the USA. We

can be reached by calling 405-878-4697.

Also, to help you begin your journey to financial independence, we have purchased two different online classes that are available to tribal members who are truly committed to changing their financial futures. These online programs are being offered to tribal members and spouses free of charge. These e-books cost the tribe \$25.00 each, so only people committed to completing the program need apply; once a book has been issued to someone, it cannot be reissued to someone else.

Would you like to make 2011 the year you began your own business? The CPCDC has financing options and business training and coaching available to help you reach your business development goals. Call 405-878-4697 to request your free commercial loan packet today.

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For more information, contact the Specialist in your area: Director Shelley Schneider; Shawnee Area, Tammy Wood, 405-273-3216; South Oklahoma City Area, Angie Igo, 405-632-4143; North OkC, Shalan Pearson, 405-232-3173; Prague, McLoud, and Perkins, Sarah Dailey, 800-880-9880.

Art sends anti-Meth, anti-suicide messages

CPN Youth Council honors four young artists in poster contest

On Saturday, February 26, 2011, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's FireLodge Tribal Youth Program closed out and celebrated its Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Art Contest with a banquet to honor the young artists chosen as winners. The contest was a huge success, with more than 40 entries being submitted for consideration. The entries came in from all over the country, including the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Nearly half of the artwork, 17 pieces in all, were submitted by out-of-state participants. In the end, our panel of judges, which included Vice-Chairman Linda Capps, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Chief District Judge Philip Lujan, FireLodge Children and Family Services Director Janet Draper, CPN artists Jim Post and daughter Penny Coates, and Oklahoma Baptist University art professor Julie Blackstone, chose four winners based on artistry, message, and use of Native American themes and imagery.

The 90 guests at the banquet, who were served by members of the FireLodge's Tribal Youth Council, included representatives from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Administration and local youth advocacy organizations, Citizen Potawatomi Nation legislators, local police, and several of the young artists and their families.

Before the announcement of the winners and the unveiling of their artwork by Vice-Chairman Capps, the guests were treated to a keynote address by Judge Lujan. Judge Lujan provided an inspiring message to the youth in attendance to remind them of what makes them Native and how proud they should be of their heritage, their culture, their contributions, and their future within their tribe. Judge Lujan has been a motivational and supportive colleague to the staff of the FireLodge Tribal Youth Program and was a perfect asset to the evening's purpose and events.

Additionally we offer big thanks to Mr. Victor Cope, a CPN member and Indian Education director for the Tecumseh schools, for his willingness to work and collaborate.

In addition to winning a brand new iPod Touch, the four winners will see their artwork incorporated into billboards, promotional materials, and print advertisements that will be run in publications throughout Oklahoma. Hundreds of backpacks are cur-



B.J. Trousdale (left) and Lindsay Wilkins (right), who run the FireLodge Youth Program and Youth Council, pose with poster contest winners (from left) Shannon Lane, Elisa Reyes, and Austin Huddleston. Winner Erin Hrenchir of Paola, Kansas was not able to attend the banquet.

Elisa Reyes' winning entry, with an anti-meth abuse message, is at right.

rently being ordered to distribute to local youth. They will feature some of the winners' artwork in an effort to bring awareness to suicide prevention and the helpline that is available to those in crisis.

The winners are very talented and each of them has a very bright future awaiting him or her because of their contributions, skills, and enthusiasm. Shannon Lane, age 14 from Mead, Oklahoma, placed first in the 12-15 year old Methamphetamine Prevention category. She created a black and color pencil/pen drawing depicting a young woman looking into a mirror which reflected the words Family, Friends, Jobs, with a crack through the mirror. Her headline around her artwork read, "Meth Shatters Your Life".

Elisa Reyes, age 18 from Hartshorne, Oklahoma, took first in the 16-19 year old Methamphetamine Prevention category. Her art depicted an eagle and a medicine wheel creatively done in watercolor. The text strategically placed on her artwork reads: "Meth is Not Part of the Native American Culture".

In the suicide prevention category, Austin Huddleston, age 13 from Tecumseh, Oklahoma, placed first with his pencil drawing of a silhouette of a wolf howling before a full moon, surrounded by mountains and pine trees. He artistically communicated his message through the center of the moon and it reads: "Suicide, Don't Do It" and, beneath the wolf, "Be Strong".

Finally, Erin Hrenchir, age 19 from Paola, Kansas, placed first in the 16-19 year old Suicide Prevention category. Erin's art-

work was one of many digital media submissions, and her capability and the message she communicated struck the judges very positively. She created a colorful digital image of a young, beautiful Native woman. The text cropped into the artwork reads: "I am Native, I am Strong, I Will Choose to Live". Every submission was unforgettable, and the winners of the art contest exceeded every expectation.

Congratulations to all of the winners, as well as each young person who participated. We were truly astonished by all the talent and dedication our young people exhibited through their submissions. This Nation is truly in good hands in the future if our young people continue to promote positive ideas and concepts, use their personal talents, and take risks as they did by participating in this event. Thank you for all of your hard work. We are very proud of all of your efforts and willingness to contribute to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's activities.



Judge Phil Lujan



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and two sisters, Mary Kee of Heber Springs, Arkansas, and Rosa Lee Ruffinen of Newark, Delaware remaining.

He served in the United States Marine Corps from July 16, 1942 until August 1, 1946, when he was Honorably Discharged for wounds received as result of enemy action in the Asian-Pacific area on February 27, 1945. He was awarded the Purple Heart. He was a member of American Legion Post 53 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in West Memphis, Arkansas.

Mr. Helcel married Jewell Rowland of Marked Tree, Arkansas on January 12, 1946. They had one daughter, Brenda Helcel Barnett Mattson, and two grandchildren, Valerye Barnett and Kevyn Barnett. His wife preceded him in death.

He worked for Armour Meat Packing Company in Memphis, Tennessee, and retired after 30 years of service. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, and hunting.

Tanya Maureen Key

Tanya Maureen Key (Native American name: Pi'zi'kwe, meaning: Young Small One) was born on October 17, 1951. She passed away on February 20, 2011 at San Antonio Community Hospital. Tanya was a long time resident of Upland, California and a 1969 graduate of Upland High School.

Tanya enjoyed an extraordinarily loving and close relationship with her parents, her children, and expansive family. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and especially her grandchildren and her little dog Maggie-May.

She is survived by her husband of 38



years, Gary Key; her son Jason Alan Key and his wife Carol Ann; her grandchildren Chantelle, Demetrius, and Robert; her daughter and best friend Sarah Key; and her parents George and Virginia Martin.

Although she was the sixth of eight children, she was always the 'baby sister' and will be missed by her siblings Jana Bray and her husband Mark, Dana Corkill and her husband Gary, James Johnson, Lana Burton and her husband Cliff, Randa Penn and her husband Paul, Lisa Vannauker, and Kevin Martin and his wife Tammy.

Tanya also shared a close and loving relationship with her mother-in-law Lois Key, sisters-in-law, Barbara Bono and her husband Philip, Judi Norten and her husband Rick, and Debi Uhlig. There is not enough space to mention the numerous nieces and nephews who surrounded her life, but they were all loved by Tanya, and she received the love and blessings of each and every one of them.

Tanya was a bright spirit and a loving daughter, mother, and sister with a bright smile and a twinkle in her eye. She will forever be in our prayers and in our hearts.

A Memorial Service was held at Stone Mortuary in Upland (355 East Ninth Street) on Saturday, March 5, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate Tanya's life and to share in the many memories of family and friends. The following day, a Native American ceremony was held in Kingsburg, California to release her loving spirit.

Patricia Rilda (Pearce) Vandagriff

Patricia Rilda (Pearce) Vandagriff was born on March 17, 1911, in Purcell, Okla-



homa, the youngest of seven children born to William C. Pearce and Carrie Wickens Pearce. She was reared in Purcell, born in the house in which she resided for 95 years.

Mrs. Vandagriff attended Our Lady of Victory Catholic School in Purcell for nine years, and then attended St. Joseph's Catholic High School in Oklahoma City. She graduated from St. Joseph's in 1930. She married Nevels 'Buddy' Vandagriff in 1930, and the pair were parents of two children.

Mrs. Vandagriff has four grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation; her great-grandfather, William Burnett, was a Citizen Potawatomi chief.

Anthony 'Tony' Pecore Jr.

Anthony 'Tony' Pecore Jr., 53, of



Tecumseh, passed away on Sunday, March 6, 2011, in Shawnee. He was born October 22, 1957, in Shawnee to Tony Pecore Sr. and Frankie Elizabeth (Dickinson) Bland. Tony was born in Shawnee and reared in the South Rock Creek area. He had lived in Tecumseh for several years. He attended school at St. Benedict Catholic School and South Rock Creek School. He graduated from Tecumseh High School in 1976.

Tony married his high school sweetheart, Michelle Carpenter, on May 26, 1978 in Tecumseh. He attended Gordon Cooper Vocational-Technical School to become a machinist. He worked at Shawnee Mill, Harvey's Chevrolet, and Christiansen Down-Hole Tool. He had been employed at Tinker Air Force Base since 1980.

Mr. Pecore was a member of the Tecumseh High School Alumni Association and the Beefmaster Breeders United. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren, watching sports, fishing, hunting, and showing Beefmaster heifers. His family was the focal point of his life. Tony was a devoted husband to the love of his life, Michelle.

He was preceded in death by his father and his father-in-law, Wayne Carpenter.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Michelle; his children, Stacey Pecore, George McKiddie, Chad Pecore, and Lisa Little; his grandchildren, Kolton Yeager, Samantha and Adam Ramseyer, Cheyenne McKiddie, and G.W. McKiddie; his mother and stepfather, Frankie and George Bland; his mother-in-law, Loma Jean Carpenter; his brother and sister-in-law, Bobby and Lori Pecore; his sister and brother-in-law, Shannon and Alex Sisson; his brother-in-law and his wife, Steve and Lana Carpenter; nieces and nephews, Colby and Emily Carpenter, Cayden Carpenter, Quinn Car-

penter, Jared Pecore, Madison Plunkett, and Candace Chisholm; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

A viewing was held on Thursday, March 10, 2011, at Cooper Funeral Home. The family gathered to meet with friends from 6 to 8 p.m. a memorial service was held at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 11, 2011 at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Reunion Hall under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home of Tecumseh.

The family has designated a charity of the sender's choice as appropriate for memorials. To share memories or to sign the guestbook online, go to www.cooperfuneral.com.

Doris Earle Renegar



Doris Earle Summers Renegar was born on July 6, 1924 in Norman, Oklahoma. She died peacefully at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City on March 23, 2011.

Doris graduated from Norman High School in 1942 and was a member of the National Honor Society and the Gingersnaps Pep Club. In 1946, she graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in marketing and business law and then worked for the Oklahoma Publishing Company in the legal department. She married Owen Renegar Jr. of Oklahoma City on February 8, 1948 in Monterrey, Mexico, which began their many travels throughout the world.

Doris loved travel, and she and Owen traveled to numerous countries over the years, meeting new people and seeing

places they had always dreamed about. Besides travel, Doris also loved animals, especially her dogs.

Doris was a member of Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, Trinity Sunday School Class, Kappa Phi, several bridge clubs, a book club, and a charter member of Gaillardia Country Club. She and her husband Owen were happily married for 63 years and were blessed with two wonderful sons, Gregg and Brent.

Doris is survived by her husband Owen; son Gregg and his wife Joan of Oklahoma City; son Brent and his wife Kim of Oklahoma City; and two grandsons, Eric Renegar and his wife Erin and Blake Renegar, both also of Oklahoma City. She is also survived by one brother, Warren Summers and his wife Shirley of Shawnee, and two sisters-in-law, Charlotte Renegar and Mary Margaret Jordan, both of Oklahoma City.

Doris was predeceased by her parents, Tony and Nelly Moore Summers.

Following a family service on Friday, March 25, 2011, a celebration of her life was held at Chapel Hill Methodist Church on Saturday, March 26, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to The Salvation Army, Area Command. The family wishes to thank Carole Blair, Patricia Townsley, and Sharron Boehler for the wonderful care that they have given Doris over the past few months.

Hazel Pauline Dover

Hazel Pauline Dover, 85, died on January 20, 2011 in Purcell, Oklahoma. Pauline, as she was known by everyone who knew her, was born on December 6, 1925, the daughter of Russell and Katherine (Mars) Jones in Washington, Oklahoma.

She was raised in Washington graduating from High School in 1943. Pauline and Westley Dover were united in marriage on October 14, 1944 and moved to Purcell, where they made their home and raised a family. Pauline enjoyed raising her children and grandchildren. She was an avid Dallas Cowboy fan. She enjoyed canning, embroidery, daytime soap operas, and Diet Dr. Pepper.

Pauline is preceded in death by her par-



ents, Katherine (Katie) and Russell; husband, Westley; her siblings, Harold (Sonny) and Dennis Jones.

Survivors include her children, Jerry Dover of Norman, Judy Stockdale of Lexington, Trudy Molina of Purcell, Shirley McGee of Norman, Janice Ingram of Mississippi, and Linda Reed of Noble; a sister, Joan Brokaw of Purcell; 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and many other relatives and friends.

She will be greatly missed and always remembered.

Esther F. Adams

Esther F. (Prickett) Adams, 86, of Wamego, Kansas and a longtime resident of rural St. George, Kansas, passed away on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at Wamego City Hospital.

Esther was born on February 26, 1925 in Wamego, the daughter of Ernest Max Prickett and Marguerite (Welch) Prickett. She grew up in the Belvue, Kansas community, going to elementary school at Welch school, high school in Wamego, and college at the University of Maryland in Berlin, Germany. Esther married Robert G. Adams on May 11, 1946 in Wamego. He preceded her in death in 1993.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Association of the U. S. Army, the Happy-Go-Luckies of St. George, and the Belvue United Methodist Church. Esther worked at McCall Pattern Company in Manhattan, Kansas until her



retirement in 1990. Following her retirement, she worked as a volunteer for several organizations until her health kept her from continuing.

Esther is survived by her one daughter, Brigette (Barbara) Adams, of Ohio; two sisters: Phyllis Riat of Belvue and Joanne Hoogstraten of Gobel, Michigan; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Robert.

Esther's remains were bequeathed to the University of Kansas, School of Medicine. A memorial service for Mrs. Adams was held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 26, 2011, at Belvue United Methodist Church. Memorials are suggested to the Good Shepherd Hospice House of Manhattan and may be left in care of the funeral home, P.O. Box 48, Wamego, 66547. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.stewartfuneralhomes.com.

Timothy Lee Macon II

Timothy Lee 'Timmaaa' Macon II, 19, of Port Bolivar, Texas passed away on Sunday, March 27, 2011, in Galveston, Texas.

His family received visitors beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29 at Malloy & Son Funeral Home, 3028 Broadway, Galveston. A rosary was held at 7:00 p.m. A Funeral Mass was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 30 at the First United Methodist Church of Port Bolivar, 1123

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Madison, Port Bolivar, with Father Christopher Terri officiating. Burial followed the service at Port Bolivar Cemetery. Following the service, guests joined Timmy's family and friends for a gathering to honor his life at the Port Bolivar Fire Station, 1806 Broadway, Port Bolivar.

Timmy's surfing buddies held a Swim-Out on Saturday, April 2, at 2:00 p.m. at 47th and Seawall. His family invited anyone who wanted to celebrate his life to join in memory of his passion for the water.

Timothy was born on January 12, 1992, in Galveston. Growing up, Timmy and his siblings, Taylor and Trey, would make homemade videos and sneak off into the pasture. They played in the barn and rode through Bolivar on four-wheelers. When he was young, Timmy was a member of the Port Bolivar 4-H Club and the Crenshaw School Band. During high school, Timmy played baseball and water polo for Ball High. He was also a member of the Port Bolivar Volunteer Fire Department as a junior firefighter and was a member of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church. He was on Ball High Tor Watch and Galveston Beach Patrol and worked for his dad at Total Electric as an apprentice electrician. Timothy loved to surf, fish, hunt, skimboard, and play guitar.

Timmy had numerous friends. He was always smiling and had a kind, loving heart. He was always looking for something new to do and was always full of life. He loved his parents and would do absolutely anything for his family and close friends, even if it came to fighting. He was loved so much

by his parents, sister, brother, aunts, uncles, and cousins and so many friends.

Timmy was preceded in death by his grandparents, Leroy and Beverly Comeaux and Willie and Jerry Ashmun.

He is survived by his mother, Nancy Bouse, and her husband, Billy; his father, Tim Macon and his wife, Alicia; his sister, Taylor Macon; his brother, Trey Macon; his stepsisters, Valerie Delbosque and Cera Farringer; his stepbrother, Billy Bouse Jr.; his godparents, Susan Rismiller, Malcolm Comeaux, and Charlotte Comeaux; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives, and many friends.

Pallbearers were Drew Rodriguez, Anthony Comeaux, Trey Macon, Javy Rodriguez, David Nash, Holden Sievers, Stephen Limones, and Stephen Ybarra. Honorary pallbearers were Ken Jones, Jason Jones, Tino Ybarra, Marcus Comeaux, Joe Comeaux, Curtis Comeaux, Malcolm Comeaux, Greg Comeaux, and Tommy Comeaux.

In lieu of flowers, Timmy's family requests that memorials be made to the Port Bolivar Cemetery, P O Box 885, Port Bolivar, TX 77650.

Billie Faye French

Billie Faye French, age 80, of Oklahoma City, passed away on January 11, 2009. Billie was born on September 20, 1928 in Trousdale, Oklahoma, the daughter of William and Ethel Trousdale. She had lived in Oklahoma City since 1963.

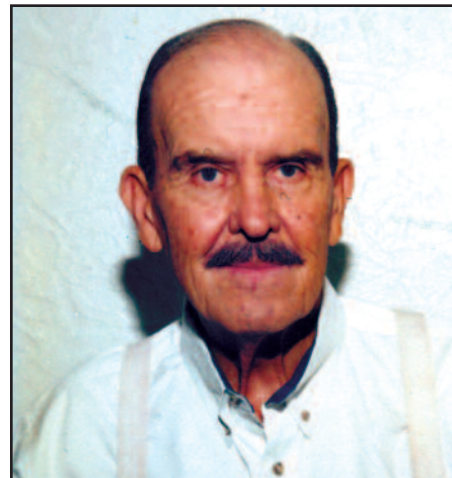
Billie loved children. She served as the president of Mid-Del schools PTA for several years and on the district PTA executive board for many years. As her children grew older, she taught English as a Second Language (ESL) for more than 20 years.

She is survived by husband David; sons Mike Carr, Mike French, and Mark French; daughter Pam French; grandchildren, Steven, Erin, Sean, Dylan, Austin, and Maci; and great-grandchildren, Bryce and Melody.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at Walker Funeral Home, 201 E. 45th, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

T.D. Dike

T.D. Dike, 86, passed away on Monday, March 21, 2011 in Fort Worth, Texas. A



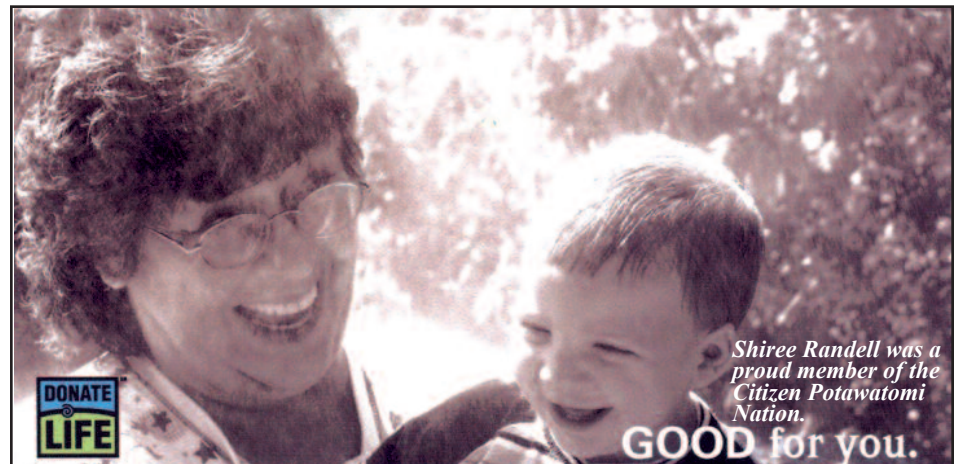
graveside service was held for Mr. Dike in Wanette, Oklahoma.

He served in the U.S. Marines during World War II, participating in four campaigns in the South Pacific.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Debby, and a granddaughter, Cateche.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys; a son, Jimmy and his wife, Julie; his stepchildren, Cathy Ezell and Steve Ezell and his wife, Kelly; grandchildren Brooke, Billy, and Molly Ezell; and great-grandson Daeus.

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anymore. Thank you, LifeShare, for helping us through a difficult time, and for showing us how much one life could help not one, but three others.

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